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I do not pray for these only, but also for those who are to believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

John 17:20-21

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

KJ

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, As we also have forgiven our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

RSV

Our Heavenly Father, may your name be honoured; May your Kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us today the bread we need, Forgive us what we owe to you, as we have also forgiven those who owe anything to us. Keep us clear of temptation, and save us from evil.

Phillips

This is the prayer of our Lord. Acknowledgment that God is the Father of us all. That He is worthy of our honor and respect. Affirmation that it is our firm desire to have His kingdom come to us where we now are. Recognition that to have God's will come first is the highest goal. Request for sustaining nourishment. Petition for forgiveness in proportion to our willingness to forgive. Admittance that only through God's help are we able to avoid temptation and be freed from the evil, the bad, the undesirable in life.

Quite a statement of purpose and need. These are the words most often repeated by Protestant Christians as a part of our worship and private devotional exercises, without a doubt. Songs, hymns, anthems, poetry, various translations and paraphrases have been created with their basis in this prayer.

Repetition of the words is of no value. They have no magic, no special merit apart from the significance they hold in the life of the one praying at any given time. It is sacriligious to mutter them mechanically Sunday after Sunday without hearing the words coming from our mouths. Without giving heed to the professions and promises we are making to God. Without worrying about the difference having said these words might make on us or on anyone. It requires courage to repeat this prayer. Courage because of what they say and because of the one by whom they were given to us. Thoughtful courage.

Greetings From Convention President

New Year greetings to all our church people in the name of our Lord Christ and on behalf of the new Southern Conference.

The essential action taken in Greensboro Nov. 17 and 18 toward bringing the Southern Conference into being casts a bright and promising light upon the present and the future before us.

It is, I believe, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we have found a satisfactory and workable plan for making our churches of this area a full part of our United Church of Christ.

If there are provisions in the plan which any of us do not fully approve, we shall be Christian enough to give the movement our whole support in strengthening the cause of Christ as represented by the churches of our faith in this area where our witness is urgently needed.

The desire for "unity of spirit," under which divine impulse we have laboured, will verify the fact that "it is good for brethren to dwell together in unity." Let us all, therefore, give heed to Him who "calls us into his church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship."

Joe A. French, President
Southern Convention

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NEW MOVIE: PROFILES OF PROMISE

Dramatizing the new look in the churches' overseas ministry to people in need.

To tell the story of what churches are doing, through Church World Service, to help people in need overseas, show **PROFILES OF PROMISE.** This 28 minute, 16 mm film, dramatically portrays the lives of three very different families as they have lived, until recently, almost without hope of a better life. This film then goes on to reveal the way the Church has reached out to them and drastically altered their future.

PROFILES OF PROMISE holds a particular interest for churches of the United Church of Christ. Pictured in this film are actual examples of our mission. Our church continues to support missions through CHURCH WORLD SERVICE and the WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES; such work as these instances depict are made possible by our **One Great Hour o Sharing.**

Your church may use this film by sending a request well in advance, to the Audio-visual Library, Southern Convention, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. The only cost is return postage

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

The Land Of Beginning Again

Most of us have longed for a land of beginning again. Most adults have said, "O, if I could only live my life over again, things would be different". We cannot erase the record. We cannot live our lives over again. What is written, is written. However, we can begin anew. We can correct mistakes made in the past. We can write a different record. Such is the challenge and opportunity of a brand new year.

1965 can be a land of beginning again for us. The infant New Year stands before us, waiting for direction. Hand in hand, we can start out in a new direction together.

Most of us need new goals, new ideals, new commitment. The Bible tells of a God who makes all things new. The New Testament speaks of a new person in Christ, transformed by power of the gospel. The same gospel that makes us new will provide the power for renewal.

The New Year gives us an opportunity to renew our commitment to Christ and His church. We have not done well in attendance, stewardship, and service during 1964. A Gallup poll revealed that church attendance declined in 1964. The national average for church attendance during 1964 was 45% of the membership. Our United Church of Christ ranks 30th in our country in per capita contributions to the local church. Our record shows an average of $73.12 per year per member. This is not good. Church attendance and stewardship support are not the only tests of a Christian's commitment. However, they are two factors which give some indication of our commitment. 1965 offers us a land of beginning again in our commitment to Christ and His Church.

1965 offers us a new opportunity to examine our prejudices. Someone has said that our prejudices offer us the opportunity to form our conclusions without taking the time to gather the facts. Many of us did too well in 1964 in forming our conclusions without seeking facts which might be readily available. During 1964, Councils of Churches, denominations, our own United Church of Christ, our own Southern Convention, realignment, all these and others have been subject to criticism. Some of the criticism has been just, and some has been unjust. How careful have we been to distinguish between the just and the unjust? How much of our criticism has been based on half truth, misinformation, rumor, word of mouth, suspicion, confusion, uncertainty, and other factors. How zealous have we been in seeking the right answer from the proper source? Too many conclusions have been drawn from too much heat and too little light.

1965 offers us a new chance to examine our prejudices in the light of Christain truth and facts. This is not easy. It is much easier to hold to our prejudices and form new ones on the basis of rumor and confusion. We are living in a day of change. Every generation has lived in a period of change. Perhaps change is much more complex and rapid now than in former years. Change is not evil unless brought by evil men or good men who refuse to guide change. Change is inevitable. Change can be good. Commited Christians can effect the right kind of change. 1965 offers us this land of beginning again. Let us seize it with joy.

1965 offers us an opportunity to examine our commitment. Early New Testament Christians declared themselves to be of Apollos or Paul or Peter. Some were Judaisers and some non-Judaisers. In our day, Christians are prone to be know as liberal, conservative, fundamentalist, left, right, middle, and many other shade of position on theological or sociological matters. Nothing can be more divisive than adopting some descriptive position and judging all others by how they compare with our position. Perhaps our position may be wrong. Even if our position is right, are we not all brothers in Chirst? Perhaps in 1965 mature Christians can drop their suspicion, distruct, pride, or position, sacred pigeonhole, and seek a spiritual unity with New Testament Christians who are committed to the same Christ. There is too much for us to do in 1965, rather than spend our energy in proving a point that might be of infinitesimal importance if proved. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life". All Christians would do well to take that way, be like that life, and pursue that truth.

Clyde L. Fields,
Superintendent

GREENSBORO AREA

Christian Education

Leadership Training School

FEBRUARY 7-10

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1964 Travel Seminar Reunion

Fourteen of the eighteen members of the 1964 **Travel Seminar** held a reunion at Elon College on December 29-30. Recalling their adventures together, the young people and adult leaders talked over their experiences from a perspective of almost six months. The slides which have been made available from the Southern Convention office for showing in local churches were viewed and chuckled over. Other pictures taken by the travelers were shared.

These young people came from Suffolk, Chesapeake, Liberty, Asheboro, Burlington, Randleman, and Fayetteville. In 1965 a second **Travel Seminar** has been planned for nineteen young people. This time the travelers will be going up as far north as Boston, stopping along the way for fellowship with local youth groups. Registration information will be in the hands of ministers and youth leaders in a few weeks. Early registration is urged!

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

QUARTER ENDING NOVEMBER 30TH, 1964

Women's Fellowship

Apportionment	$1,791.62
Fall Conference Offering (For The Wilkins)	173.91
Pembroke Manor	25.00
Life Membership and Memorials	10.00
C. M. A. (from Waverly Junior)	7.05
Total for Women	2,007.58
Juniors: Apportionment	32.50
Antioch	4.10
Bethlehem	5.00
Eure	1.35
Franklin	5.00
Holy Neck	5.00
Liberty Spring	6.85
Hunterdale	5.20
Cradle Roll: Offering	15.32
Eure	1.35
Franklin	5.00
Oakland	8.97
TOTAL	$2,055.40

Mrs. M. F. Hall, Sr. Treas.
Women's Fellowship
Eastern Virginia Conference

CHURCH	APPO.
Antioch	$ 15.00
Berea Nanse	25.00
Berea Hdcastle Cr.	50.00
Bethlehem	115.00
Bethlehem Disp.	5.00
Bayview	50.00
Bayside	25.00
Central	20.00
Christian Temple	125.00
Cypress Chapel	55.00
Damascus	25.00
Dendron	15.00
Eure	16.75
Franklin	125.00
First Portsmouth	30.00
Great Bridge	50.00
Holland	45.00
Holy Neck	50.00
Hopewell	12.50
Isle of Wight	20.00
Liberty Spring	64.12
Little Creek	10.00
Lynnhaven Colony	25.00
Mt. Carmel	27.50
Mt. Zion	10.00
Newport News	75.00
Oak Grove	9.60
Oakland	40.00
Pembroke Manor	10.00
Prince George	10.00
Rosemont	80.00
First Richmond	18.75
South Norfolk	75.00
Shelton Memorial	50.00
Suffolk	250.00
Hunterdale	62.50
Wakefield	9.90
Warwick	20.00
Waverly	30.00
Windsor	40.00
TOTALS	$1,791.62
Life Memberships Mt. Zion	10.00
C. M. A. Waverly	7.05

QUARTERLY REPORT RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

NOVEMBER 30TH, 1964

Receipts

Balance Brought forward	$ 150.46
Apportionment	1,791.62
Conference Offering (Wilkins)	173.91
Pembroke Manor	25.00
Life Memo. and Membership	10.00
C. M. A. (jrs. Waverly)	7.05
Juniors	32.50
Cradle Roll	15.32
Total	2,055.40
Total Receipts for Quarter	$2,205.86

Disbursements

Suffolk Insurance Corp. Treas. Bond.	12.00
Postmaster, Suffolk, Va. 100 stamped envelopes	6.00
Donald W. Caffee—Year Book Conf.	35.20
Mrs. Ann Gaskill—Honorarium-Speaker Conf	15.00
Mrs. W. B. Williams, Convention Treas.	2,055.40
Total Disbursements	$2,123.60
Receipts	$2,205.86
Disbursements	2,123.60
Balance	$ 82.26

THE JOB CORPS

The JOB Corps is a national voluntary program that will give young people from the ages of 16 through 21, who are largely unemployable because they lack education and job skills, a new chance to help themselves. The young people are carefully screened and must be willing to work hard to improve themselves.

Some centers will be located on public lands operated by conservation agencies. Other larger centers will be in unused federal government facilities near metropolitan areas. They will provide a new educational approach. This approach offers a residential environment and a total learning experience tailored to develop new habits and attitudes. Young men and women will receive basic education, skill training, and sound work experience.

The purpose is to enable youngsters to obtain and keep jobs in which they can advance, return to school, or join the military service. The JOB Corps is aimed specifically at one million young people who have not completed secondary education, who have been unable to find satisfactory work, and whose reading and arithmetic skills range from the 4th to the 7th grade levels. Some high school graduates will be enrolled in exceptional cases.

About 40,000 young men and women, from all sections of America, will be enrolled in the first year, and 100,000 in the second year. They will come from rural and urban areas and will include members of different religious, racial and ethnic groups.

To be enrolled in the JOB Corps, they must show promise of success and must want to join. Their reading and other needs will be diagnosed on an individual basis. Each will be assigned, insofar as possible, to training that fits his interests and aptitudes. The enrollee and an experienced counselor will decide together what kind of JOB Corps Center he should enter. The women's program will be similar to the one for men. In addition to basic education, vocational training, and work experience, young women will be trained in family responsibilities. They will be taught how to establish a stable home atmosphere, how to manage money, care for the home, buy food and maintain good health habits.

Congress has authorized that corps members be paid a "terminal allowance" of $50 for every month they have spent in the corps. Up to $25 of this amount may be alloted to a dependent and the government will match such allotments with an equal amount. The trainee will receive daily pocket money ($30 a month), room, board and clothing. Medical and dental care is cared for.

Further information may be obtained from JOB CORPS, Washington, D. C. 20506.

Hazel T. Johns Joins CCSA Staff

Miss Hazel T. Johns, New York City, has joined the national staff of the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ. Miss Johns will serve as assistant to the international relations secretary of the Council, with offices here in the new Church Center for the United Nations.

Miss Johns, a native of Bassein, Burma, who came to the U. S. in 1962, will direct the administration and promotion of the denomination's United Nations seminars and other educational programs at the Church Center.

For the past year she has been on the staff of the United Church Women of the National Council of Churches as assistant to the director of its special project on United Nations training seminars. Miss Johns was with the U. S. Information Service at the American Embassy in Rangoon, Burma, serving as assistant librarian from 1948 to 1954 and as exhibits supervisor from 1954 to 1962.

A graduate of the University of Rangoon, she came to the U. S. in 1962 to study at Union Theological Seminary in New York on a fellowship of the Program of Advanced Religious Studies.

Miss Johns was active for many years on the Burma Christian Council. She served on its Committee on Christian Education and its Committee on Audio Visual Aids. From 1956 to 1962 she was superintendent of the English Sunday school in Rangoon.

She has also been active in the Y.W.C.A., serving for six years on the Board of Management of the Rangoon branch. She represented the Burma Y.W.C.A. at a World Conference of Christian Youth in Oslo, Norway, in 1947 and the same year attended the World's Y.W.C.A. Conference in Gottenborg, Sweden.

Through Your Gifts...

Church World Service, through your gifts, has been able to send 10 tons of blankets; 5 tons of clothing; 350,000 pounds of flour; 2,400 gallons of salad oil; 75,000 pounds of CROP soybeans and 20,000 pounds of Bulgar wheat to bring emergency aid to flood devastated areas of Viet Nam.

On Christmas Day you were host to thousands of children at a special meal in Hong Kong, Bethlehem and Jericho, New Delhi, Bali, Korea, Congo, Schweitzer's Leper Village, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Pakistan. All of this was made possible by your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing and Share Our Substance.

WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL DO? . . .

Through CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, 35 Protestant and Orthodox boards and agencies provide world-wide aid to the needy. CWS sends millions of pounds of food, clothing, medicines and other relief aid overseas annually. It rehabilitates war amputees, runs child care centers overseas and has already brought more than 100,000 refugees to the United States.

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

From The Philippines

"We believe the church (in the Philippines) must continue to play a vital role in helping the people rid their land of these evils of poverty, ignorance and disease."

We believe the church (in the Philippines) must continue to play a vital role in helping the people rid their land of these evils of poverty, ignorance and disease. The Roman Catholic church, which has been here for four hundred years and claims the allegiance of eighty percent of the population is becoming increasingly aware of its responsibility to the daily needs of the people. Our Protestant forces are still somewhat divided, and have taken on overwhelming responsibilities. The supporting American mission boards find themselves trying to meet rising costs and a devalued dollar, and are facing needs they cannot meet.

One of the issues we are facing here, and raising as sharply as we can with our church leaders here and at home, is the economic issue. How fully and directly should the church be involved in the battle against hunger. We know that this issue has become a political issue in the United States. We lived in Kentucky and know about the low income families of the Appalachians. We worked in the New York slums and know the plight of the slum dwellers. Out here the civil rights struggle is watched with great interest, since two thirds of the world's people are "colored." This is indeed "one world," but with all our domestic problems we dare not forget that relatively the United States is very favored, and the gap between "haves" and the "have-nots" is widening each year. This is not only a cause for concern to those who want a peaceful world, but is a cause for concern in Christian love. We are our brothers keepers. We cannot say that hunger is a secular problem. Christ's challenge is to "feed the hungry." In modern terms that means more than charity. It means using scientific methods and machine power to grow more food and fiber.

From: **Dr. and Mrs. Harold Eymann**
Philippines

Peace UCC

An Extended Mission

The Consistory of Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro has recently voted to extend the ministry of the church in missions and evangelism by offering support for institutions included within the Southern Conference area not previously related to the Evangelical and Reformed Synod. Through gifts to Elon College, The Elon Home for Children, and Franklinton Center at Bricks, the church hopes to help their membership feel that these institutions are now **their** institutions just as much as Catawba College and Nazareth Children's Home have been.

To this end, therefore, Peace UCC has given $300 to Elon College; $300 to The Elon Home for Children; $300 to Franklinton Center at Bricks; $1,000 to St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Greensboro; and $400 to the Church of the Master at Hickory, N. C. Such a testimony to belief in our new fellowship together as Southern Conference members is praiseworthy and worth emulation by other churches within our area. Perhaps others will follow where Peace has led the way. Pastor of Peace Church is the Rev. G. Melvin Palmer.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Dear Friends:

These have been very quiet days here at our Home for Children. This is true because all of our boys and girls are visiting either relatives, sponsors, or friends.

In a few days, all of this will change. They will be coming back this week-end making preparations for the beginning of the new year. They will all be back in school on Monday, January 4. We want to take this opportunity to express to all of our friends our appreciation for being so kind to us during this season. We are so grateful for our friends who had our children in their homes during Christmas. We are also grateful for remembrances we have received from individuals, groups and churches. All have been most generous during this Thanksgiving-Christmas season. We have so much for which to be grateful, not only for the kindnesses shown to us during this past holiday season, but for the many kind acts throughout the year.

We are indeed grateful to know that without this kind of interest and support we could not take care of those entrusted to our care as we do. Many thanks to everyone who has helped us so generously.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder-

REPORT FOR DECEMBER 7, 1964

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Virginia Valley Conference	$ 58.39
Eastern Virginia Conference	181.27
Eastern North Carolina Conference	275.35
Western North Carolina Conference	25.00
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	180.15
Total	720.16
Special Offerings	
Congregational Christian Fellowship, Congregational Church, Hopewell, Va.	$ 10.00
Ladies Bible Class, Sanford, N. C.	25.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Wilmer Holt (2 Memorials)	
In Memory of Harry Cobb (2 Memorials)	
In Memory of Edith Spencer	
In Memory of Edward R. Burnett	
In Memory of Mr. Fletcher Bulla	
Total Memorial Gifts	299.00
Special Offerings	$1,479.09
Total	$4,155.57
Total for the Week	$4,875.73

REPORT FOR DECEMBER 14, 1964

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Virginia Valley Conference	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 330.65
Eastern North Carolina Conference	187.50
Western North Carolina Conference	16.37
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	1,304.95
Total	1,841.47
Special Offerings	
Mrs. James Lee Love, Burlington, N. C.	$ 200.00
First Congregational Church, UCC, East Troy, Wisconsin	10.00
W. H. Walker, Sr., Suffolk, Va.	10.00
Mrs. Paul Lugmann, Mahnomen, Minn.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bullard, Greensboro, N. C.	10.00
Mr. J. Herman Neese, Graham, N. C.	25.00
Elon Sewing Group, Hendersonville, N. C.	100.00
Townsend Cong. Church School, Townsend, Mass.	22.00
Women's Council, Cong. Church, Stafford Springs, Conn.	10.00
Newington Women's Fellowship, Newington, Conn.	25.00
Mrs. R. M. McCown, Tryon, N. C.	2.00
First Cong. Church, Waltham, Mass.	25.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Miss Wilmer Holt (4 memorials)	
In Memory of Harry Cobb	
In Memory of Lt. Glenn Dyer	
In Memory of John Robert Vann	
Total Memorial Gifts	$ 55.00
Special Offerings	$ 257.80
Total	$2,689.66
Total for the Week	$4,531.13

Christmas Offerings: (Dec. 7 & 14)

Mr. Joe Barbour Honoring: Mrs. Selma Walters	$ 25.00
King Electric Company Employees, Burlington	50.00
Mr. Cleo Cash, Franklin, Va.	2.00
Western Electric Company, Department 3526, Burlington, N. C.	92.35
Lake Side Sunday School, Dunn, N. C.	125.00
American Legion, Post 63, Burlington, N. C.	100.00
City Laundry, Burlington, N. C.	25.00
Mrs. Coy Ellis, Sr., Clayton, N. C.	12.75
Lambeth Construction Co., Greensboro, N. C.	100.00
James Morton, Burlington, N. C.	5.00
Edgar Thompson	4.00
James G. Evans, Graham, N. C.	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Neill Key, Haw River, N. C.	3.00
Mr. Ben Rimer, Burlington, N. C.	2.00
Mrs. C. S. Queen	3.00
R. M. Dills, Haw River, N. C.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Rudd, Brown Summit, N. C.	20.00
Nell J. Holland, Suffolk, Va.	10.00
Miss Dorothy Russell, N. Hadley, Mass.	5.00
Total Christmas Offerings	$592.10

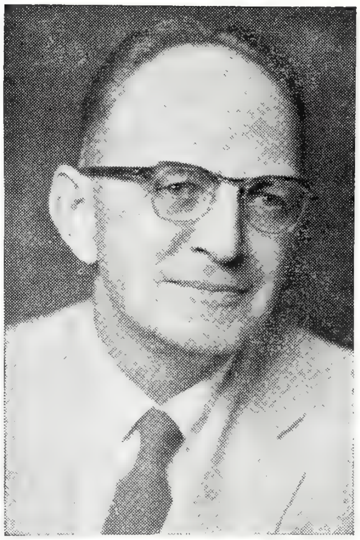
Thanksgiving Offerings

BURLINGTON:	
Charlie Wright	10.00
Bill Frick	2.00
Long's Chapel Ch.	50.00
Hopedale Ch.	32.00
Beverly Hills Ch.	41.25
John Craddock	10.00
Oxford Equipment Co.	100.00
Macedonia Lutheran Ch.	225.00
The J. Madrens	10.00
The J. D. Madrens	10.00
The G. L. Walkers	25.00
Eugenia Wilson	100.00
J. M. Bryan	5.00
The J. M. Holts	5.00
S. D. Moss	10.00
Pepsi Cola Co.	25.00
The K. T. Smiths	5.00
Nellie Mae Holt	100.00
O. H. King	100.00
C. M. Oakes	10.00
Wyman Brown	1.00
B. R. Redman	1.00
Vernon Lewis	10.00
R. P. Hilton	2.00
Dr. A. J. Ellington, Jr.	10.00
The Nelson Browns	2.00
Andrew Gentry	1.00
R. M. Holt	10.00
The W. D. Madrys	10.00
Dr. J. W. Lynn	25.00
Dr. W. D. Rippy	10.00
D. M. Smith	3.00
Frank Rich	10.00
W. T. Harvey	5.00
Mrs. J. H. Adamee	1.00

The Dr. W. Kernodles	5.00
Alex Foushee	2.00
W. V. Coble	100.00
T. O. Jones	50.00
C. H. Shoffner	100.00
E. Porterfield	5.00
Minetree Pyne	10.00
The R. Rascoes	3.00
Somers-Pardue Agency	5.00
Mt. Zion UCC	94.00
The C. Hinshaws	10.00
Carolina Christian Ch.	38.15
Tower Hos. Mills (Rot.)	100.00
Grace Hos. Mills (Rot.)	100.00
Stuart Toms	1.00
Union Ridge UCC	147.50
Violet J. Holt	200.00
Howard Gibson	2.00
Charles Blake	10.00
Dr. W. G. McFarland, Jr.	5.00
Arthur Rogers	25.00
Michael Spann	1.00
T. E. Davis	5.00
G. Marvin Holt, Inc.	5.00
Earl Cox	5.00
A. V. Beck	5.00
Curry Bryan	20.00
H. H. Cockrell, Jr.	10.00
T. F. Lilly	10.00
J. L. Linens	5.00
Mamie Moore	2.00
W. A. Ray	10.00
Millage Heating & Air Conditioning Co., Inc.	2.00
Claude Ward	17.13
Paul Cox	5.00
J. E. Bald	1.00
H. L. Duff	3.00
Raymond Ferguson	3.00
Roxie's Florist	5.00
R. E. Brooks	10.00
Exchange Club	10.00
Dr. F. E. Gilliam	25.00
W. E. Leloudis	10.00
C. T. Pyles	3.00
Edward Thomas	1.00
Wallace Gee	5.00
J. E. Mahan	5.00
Loe Markus	1.00
Burlington Roofing Co.	25.00
J. C. Wellons, Jr.	2.00
GREENSBORO:	
Pleasant Ridge UCC	72.23
M. J. C. Deal	10.00
The J. H. Rountrees	10.00
D. C. McLennan	10.00
Monroe Construction Co.	25.00
Mrs. Wm. Burgess	5.00
The T. E. Waltons	10.00
J. W. Scott Co.	10.00
The O. H. Alexanders	25.00
Palm St. Christian Ch.	100.00
The E. A. Cravens	5.00
Craven Steel	200.00
S. T. Boiling	5.00
ELON COLLEGE:	
The C. B. Johnsons	5.00
Roy Kernodle	3.00
Mrs. W. C. Wicker	5.00
Dr. J. E. Danieley	10.00
HENDERSON:	
Liberty Christian Ch.	120.00
Fuller Chapel UCC	49.00
FUQUAY-VARINA:	
Mrs. R. M. Dickens	5.00
W. B. Rowland	5.00
REIDSVILLE:	
Mrs. K. L. Smith	1.00
The J. Dockerys	5.00
The G. D. Ellingtons	15.00
Mrs. Johnny Brown	2.00
The T. L. Burtons	2.00
RALEIGH:	
The S. G. Lehmans	10.00
Mrs. Anne Karafa	1.00
Mrs. K. B. Fisher	1.00
G. W. Sloan	10.00
Plymouth Christian Ch.	18.00
VIRGINIA BEACH:	
The I. G. Midgetts	5.00
Ella L. Webb	60.00
Pembroke Manor UCC	6.80
CHESAPEAKE:	
The O. D. Poythress'	5.00
Ruby Mae Smith	50.00
The Alanson Watts	20.00
Harry Farmer	10.00
So. Norfolk Christian Ch.	144.71
Mrs. Marjorie Matimer	10.00
NORFOLK:	
Bay View UCC	100.00
The Clair Dudleys	10.00
TRYON:	
Dr. M. K. Basien	5.00
Mary E. Jackson	5.00
Mrs. Laura C. Jackson	20.00
Congregational Ch.	48.05
NEWPORT NEWS:	
The H. R. Byrds	25.00
Helmer Feed Store	25.00
BROWN SUMMIT:	
The W. G. Cookes	5.00
The Ray Dixons	5.00
The J. G. Tolers	10.00
The P. W. Faucettes	20.00
GIBSONVILLE:	
Apple's Chapel Ch.	70.05
Mrs. E. W. Ledbetter	25.00
RANDLEMAN:	
The Rev. J. Norreds	3.00
Mrs. N. D. Lamb	5.00
Mrs. B. H. Hewitte	10.00
First United Ch.	47.75
CHAPEL HILL:	
Damascus Ch. S. S.	78.00
Margaret Daniel	12.00
GRAHAM:	
Providence UCC	48.24
The Dr. W. C. Goleys	75.00
J. E. Barlow	10.00
Dr. Ben Johnson	10.00
C. L. Walker	3.00
M. Wilson, Jr.	5.00
ALTAMAHAW:	
The Rev. D. Talberts	2.00
Bethlehem Cong. Ch.	100.11
DURHAM:	
C. C. Church	69.23
The C. M. Franklins	20.00
R. E. Lee	2.00
ASHEVILLE:	
A. E. Carson	10.00
The A. J. Margretts	10.00
OTHER N. C.:	
Cong. Ch., Sanford	46.50
First Ch., Albemarle	23.00
Pl. Hill UCC, Liberty	206.00
Monticello Fell. Bible Class	30.00
G. Brady, Asheboro	5.00
R. H. Pickett, Haw River	1.00
H. Petty, Pittsboro	10.00
The S. Seymours, Rky. Mt.	5.00
The E. Truitts, Glen Raven	25.00
Mrs. R. Sells, Albemarle	1.00
The J. L. Powells, Ruffin	10.00
First Cong. S. S., Hendersonville	50.00
Good Hope Ch., Youngsville	17.87
Haw River UCC	39.60
Bethel Ch., New Hill	10.00
H. B. Petty, Pittsboro	10.00
The H. Paynes, Mebane	1.00
Annie Spain, Manson	5.00
Wentworth Ch.	85.03
Union Ch., Spring Grove	100.00
Mrs. T. D. Scott, Pfafftown	1.00
Laura Kennedy, Worthville	15.00
Amelia UCC, Clayton	18.40
Oak Grove Ch., Sunbury	15.00
The C. E. Haiglers, Charlotte	10.00
Oak Level Ch., Wake Forest	32.08
Congrega. Ch., Morrisville	25.75
Ramseur Ch.	72.27
L. Sledge, High Point	1.00
MASSACHUSETTS:	
The Rev. R. A. Knowles', Westfield	5.00
Mrs. O. C. Poor, Peabody	5.00
Middlesex Un. Dist. Dept. Women's Wk., Leominster	35.00
Warren Fed. Women's Gld.	10.00
First Cong. Ch. PF Westfld	5.00
CITY UNDESIG.:	
C. Linneman	10.00
G. Pickett	2.00
A Friend	1.00
Eva Roach	3.00
So. Webbing, S. Purvis & G. Kernodle	50.00
WINSTON-SALEM:	
E. C. McKinney	25.00
G. Morningstar	5.00
OTHER VIRGINIA:	
Dry Run UCC, 7 Fntns.	10.00
Mrs. C. L. Adams, Ingram	10.00
Mt. Zion Ch. Eclipse Wm. Fell.	25.00
John T. Kernodle, Rich.	35.00
The E. Rawles, Suffolk	25.00
Lucille Herr, Frnt. Roy.	5.00
Bethel Ch. Elkton	50.25
H. R. Frazier, Virgilina	10.00
Union Surry Ch. S. S.	36.00
Sr. Wom. Fel. Shelt. Mem., Portsmouth	15.00
Mrs. T. H. Andrews, Alexandria	10.00
Mrs. R. Jenkins, Hampton	1.00
The D. Y. Brannocks, Wytheville	5.00
Waverly Ch.	31.50
Holy Neck Ch., Holland	90.14
Mrs. D. F. Bryant, Harrisonburg	10.00
Centerville Ch., Waverly	18.00
J. T. Elison, Franklinville	40.00
CONNECTICUT:	
The Russell Romeyns, Wapping	2.00
The E. Harriotts, Lakeville	10.00
Upkeep Soc. Salisbury Ch.	15.00
Center Ch. Women's Fed. New Haven	25.00
The C. F. Crosses, Waterbury	5.00
Shelton Ch. Wkrs.	15.00
Mrs. L. Button, Rk. Hill	1.00
Rev. R. L. Parcell, Plantsville	5.00
Minnie Carter, Bethel	2.00
Nepaug Ch.	10.00
NEW YORK:	
Madge Thompson, N. Y.	10.00
Mrs. J. Chvatal, Long Island City	5.00
Jack Smith, N. Y.	5.00
OTHER STATES:	
W. P. Ingram, Birmingham	5.00
Mrs. T. H. Kenimer, Landrum, S. C.	5.00
J. A. Kissell, Irvington, N. J.	20.00
Mrs. L. Hall, Clinton, Tenn.	1.00
W. J. Cobb, Delray Beach, Fla.	10.00
Gordon Mem. UCC, Ladies Aid, Moline, Ill.	10.00
First Ch. Women, Dubuque, Iowa	45.00
The J. Wilders, Tallassee, Ala.	5.00
L. G. Rowland, Orlanda, Fla.	5.00
L. M. Veazey, Tifton, Ga.	50.00
The H. Phillips', Hardeeville, S. C.	125.00

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Dr. Havilah Babcock



Dr. Havilah Babcock, of Columbia, South Carolina, alumnus of Elon College in the Class of 1918, former professor of English at Elon, noted writer, teacher and outdoorsman, passed away at his home on December 10.

Dr. Babcock was the head of the English Department of the University of South Carolina from 1937 until last June, when illness forced his retirement. He held the following degrees: A.B., M.A., Ph.D., and Litt. D. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa; ODK; Kappa Alpha, and listed in **Who's Who in America and in the World.**

A native of Appomattox, Virginia, Dr. Babcock was graduated from Elon College with the Class of 1918 and later received his Master's and Doctor's degrees for graduate study at the University of Virginia and Columbia University. Elon College conferred upon him the honorary Litt. D. degree in 1934. In 1959, he was chosen as Elon College's "Outstanding Alumnus of the Year" and spoke to the Alumni Association that year as a climax to Alumni Day at Commencement. He was a popular member of the English faculty of Elon College in the middle 1920's. Long interested in the out-of-doors, Dr. Babcock became an expert outdoorsman and sportsman. He was the author of more than 150 essays and short stories published in national magazines and anthologies. He was the author of several books, his most successful being "My Health is Better in November," which had a dozen printings since its first publication in 1947. His other books included "Tales of Quails and Such," "I Don't Want to Shoot an Elephant," "The Education of Pretty Boy," "According to Hoyle."

Most of his books and stories dealt with hunting and fishing. Two of them are the only outdoor books ever made available to the blind in Braille and recorded editions by the Library of Congress.

A popular teacher whose classes were always crowded, Dr. Babcock only last month received at his bedside a special award from Sigma Delta Chi for "outstanding service to journalism."

Dr. Babcock was not only a scholar and a sportsman, but he was a gentleman in the finest sense of the word. He enjoyed life and he shared his joy with others. In an essay in this month's "Field and Stream" magazine, Dr. Babcock summed up his life in these words:

"My diversions are hunting, fishing, and vegetable gardening, and teaching is my trade. How, I often ask, could a man be divided up more pleasantly? Teaching has brought me so much pleasure that I could list it as a pastime too. I may not have everything I want, but what I haven't got I can do without, which makes me rich."

Dr. Babcock will be most pleasantly remembered by former students, associates and alumni of Elon College. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice C. Babcock, and one son, Havilah Jr., both of Columbia, S.C.

Funeral services were conducted December 12th at Appomattox Methodist Church in his native Virginia, with burial in the family cemetery there.

Church-Related Colleges Survey Completed

The North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges conducted a survey of the student denominational affiliations of the 1964-65 enrollments in the 24 colleges in the organization. The following figures will be of interest in that they indicate how many United Church of Christ students are attending these church-related institutions. Total enrollments in parentheses.

Baptist Colleges: Chowan (1155)—55; Gardner-Webb (934)—3; Mars Hill (1324)—8; Meredith (836)—2; Wingate (1320)—15.

Episcopal Colleges: St. Mary's (379)—3.

Lutheran Colleges: Lenoir-Rhyne (1212)—27.

Methodist Colleges: Brevard (417)—10; Greensboro (600)—13; High Point (1669)—31; Pfeiffer (842)—15.

Moravian Colleges: Salem (460)—6.

Presbyterian Colleges: Lees-McRae (505)—8; Montreat-Anderson (339)—2; St. Andrews (947)—2.

Society of Friends Colleges: Guilford (924)—30.

United Church of Christ Colleges: Catawba (868)—221; Elon (1320)—444.

College Receives $50,000

Elon College has just received a gift of $50,000 from an anonymous donor, according to an announcement received from Dr. J. Earl Danieley, President. The gift which is earmarked for use in renovation of the Duke Science Building on the Elon campus, is also applied to the Diamond Anniversary Fund and thus swells the total for that fund to $526,000, thus pushing the Campaign results well toward the goal of $600,000.

In announcing the anonymous gift, to be used for the renovation of Duke Science Building, Dr. Danieley stated that work on the building will get under way in the late spring of 1965.

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Elon Gift

Ministerial Training Bequest

Elon College has received a bequest of $20,164.76 from the estate of the late Maggie Baynes Dixon to be used by the College for assisting worthy ministerial students and other students preparing for full time Christian service. Of this amount, $1,982.40 is to be used to support scholarships for ministerial students, or students preparing for full time Christian service, and $18,182.36 is to be known as the MAGGIE B. DIXON LOAN FUND to be used by Elon College to assist worthy ministerial students.

Mrs. Dixon was the widow of the late Patrick S. Dixon of the Mt. Bethel Christian Church community in Rockingham County, N. C. This bequest will be of great interest to those who knew Mr. and Mrs. Dixon. Maggie Baynes of the Mt. Bethel Church Community upon her marriage to Mr. Dixon united with Mt. Bethel Church where her husband had been a life-long member. They attended the Church regularly, and in the days when Maggie Baynes Dixon joined Mt. Bethel Church, this Church was inspiring young men to consider the Christian ministry as a life work.

It is difficult to know just when it became Mrs. Dixon's intention, or that of her husband and herself, to leave this bequest for this worthy purpose. We do know that in the life of this couple pastors of Mt. Bethel Church — particularly the late Reverends P. T. Klapp and L. I. Cox — were ministers of great zeal and influence. They laid the claim of Christian service upon both the young and the parents of the community. Between 1912 and 1920, there were seven Mt. Bethel Church young people who had offered themselves for the Christian ministry. Included among these were Dr. John G. Truitt and his brothers, Reverends Howard Truitt and Reuben Truitt, and Dr. F. C. Lester. Dr. Truitt in commenting upon this bequest had this to say: "Maggie Dixon came on the scene at Mt. Bethel just as we were beginning our training and ministerial career. Of some of us she was very proud. In all probability, knowing her as I did, I feel sure she would have liked to have been able herself to offer a son for the Christian ministry. She had no children. At any rate, I know that she was inspired by the success of some of the young men from her Church whom she saw serving the churches in her day. She wanted to help other young men to get a good education that they might become able ministers. So, when her husband's death left property in her hands, I believe she began to think how she might help the Church and the ministry of the Church. She concluded that the best way to do this was to leave what she had to her Church College for the training of ministerial students. GOD GAVE HER A CHANCE TO DO WELL FOR THE CHURCH, AND SHE DID IT!"

Elon College is deeply grateful for this bequest and will hold in sacred trust these funds for the aiding of worthy young people to prepare for the high calling in Christ Jesus. The noble example of Mrs. Dixon may well be followed by others who are so inclined to do good, and those who would like to be assured that what they have left of this world's goods will be used for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom, may well consider the cause of their church.

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Rev. Collie Seymour completed his pastoral duties with the **Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ** on December 13th, and began his work with the Shallow Well United Church of Christ, December 20th. The Apple's Chapel congregation expressed their gratitude for the ministry of the Seymour family in a cash gift of $250.00.

S. C. Historical Society

Plans Writing History

A significant meeting on Church History was held at Elon College on December 9, 1964, when the Board of Directors of the Historical Society of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches met in called session. Reverend J. Frank Apple of Henderson, N. C., Vice President, presided in the absence of Dr. L. E. Smith. Others present for the meeting included Mrs. B. B. Johnson, Fuquay Springs, N. C., Mrs. W. W. Sellers, Burlington, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Greensboro, Dr. H. H. Cunningham, Dr. J. Earl Danieley, Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Mrs. Oma U. Johnson, Curator of History Room; Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Convention Historian; Robert C. Baxter, Jr., Vice President of Southern Convention Churchman's Fellowship; Reverend Lowell A. Smoot, President of Eastern North Carolina Conference; and Reverend Harry R. Mathis, Henderson.

The principal business of the meeting of the Directors was to consider and make plans for the writing of a history of the Southern Convention. The writing of the history was referred to a committee designated "Southern Convention History Committee" consisting of five persons—Dr. H. H. Cunningham, Chairman; Dr. J. Earl Danieley, Treasurer; Mrs. Oma U. Johnson, Reverend Harry R. Mathis, and Dr. Wm. T. Scott. This Committee was charged with the responsibility for gathering and preparing a history of the Christian Church particularly in the South, and to have this history published. Contribution of funds to assist in financing this work was announced and the Committee was authorized to obtain additional funds.

Regarding the future housing of the Historical Society collection the following resolution was unanimously voted.

"That the Board of Directors of the Historical Society look with favor upon a cooperative effort with Elon College in providing housing for the Historical collection of the Society in the proposed new Elon College Library."

Relating specifically to the future function of the Historical Society of the Southern Convention following consolidation of the Convention into the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, it was voted to ask Elon College to cooperate in insuring housing and proper custodial care of the historical material in the Church History Room, and to provide library service for gathering, cataloging and making Church History documents available. Pending agreement on the part of the College, the Board of Directors voted to request the Executive Board of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, acting for the Convention to transfer all historical materials, documents, and objects and undesignated operating funds now held by the Society to Elon College and that the action be effective at the time of consolidation in September, 1965.

"... I daresay that some people are tired of hearing about civil rights. That's part of the trouble with us 'good people'. We so easily tire of that to which we put our hand and heart. But we are not nearly so tired of hearing about it as our Negro brethren of bearing the discrimination, the injustice, and the unfairness that have been heaped upon them these many years. In short, the church dare not tire of this, or any other effort to which God calls us, until the work has been completed."

-Dr. Ben M. Herbster, President
United Church of Christ

SEMINAR ON GOVERNMENT

For Virginia Churchmen

February 8-9-10, 1965

Richmond, Virginia

An educational opportunity for you to share with laymen, laywomen and clergy from the Protestant and Orthodox Churches of Virginia in the concerns and responsibilities of Christian citizenship; to study at first hand the operation of the State Government; to become better informed on the major issues facing the Commonwealth; to talk with legislators and leaders in the departments of State Government; to learn how to participate responsibly as a citizen.

Churchmen's Seminar meets at Roslyn, the Conference Center of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. Visits are made to the Capitol and to various departments of the State Government. Laymen, laywomen, and clergymen from our Virginia churches will participate. A wide representation of vocations, interests, and denominations will be represented in the Seminar.

The Seminar begins with dinner on Monday, February 8, and closes after lunch on Wednesday, February 10. The cost including room, linens, meals at Roslyn, and registration is $18. Those desiring to attend should register by February 1, 1965.

Churchmen's Seminar is under the sponsorship of the Protestant and Orthodox denominations through the Citizenship Committee of the Virginia Council of Churches. For further information and an application form write: Virginia Churchmen's Seminar, 2321 Westwood Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23230.

N. C. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

28th Annual Meeting

The **28th Annual Meeting** of the North Carolina Council of Churches will be held January 26-27 at the Central Methodist Church in Asheville. **The Pastor's Conference** will take up the first day of the Council's meeting on January 26. The featured speakers for this first part of the sessions will be Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., of the Western North Carolina Conference (Methodist); Dr. Charles W. Ranson, Dean of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey; Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, President of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C.; Dr. Mack B. Stokes, Associate Dean and Professor of Systematic Theology at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Ga.; and Mrs. Robbins Strong, Director of Christian World Relations, United Church Women.

The United Church Women will begin meeting on January 25 at 3:00 at the First Christian Church in Asheville. This will be followed by the meeting of the women's Assembly on Tuesday morning at 9:00 in the First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Ralph A. Ward, of Hong Kong and Taiwan, will be one of the guest speakers.

To make arangements for entertainment in private homes, members of the United Church Women must make reservations in advance by writing Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchery, 21 South Oak Forest Drive, Asheville, N. C. Reservations for meals should be made in advance with Rev. Robert W. Combs, Central Methodist Church, Asheville, N. C. Accomodations lists of hotels and motels may be secured from North Carolina Council of Churches, Box 6637, College Station, Durham, N. C.

Brainwashing And The National Council Of Churches

By Judge William H. Maness

William Holt Maness is a native North Carolinian, son of a minister, graduate of Elon College (A. B.), former Naval Aviator, graduate of John B. Stetson University (LLB), and Circuit Judge at Jacksonville, Florida, from 1957-1963. He has practiced law in Jacksonville for 16 years and served as prosecuting attorney and twice as a member of the Florida House of Representatives.

BRAINWASHING AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U. S. A. is an unusual publication. It is a straightforward presentation of facts in a manner made possible, undoubtedly, by the author's background in law. It is a basic study of the pro's and cons relative to the National Council of Churches, particularly as this organization has had its image distorted by half truths and misinterpretations.

This booklet seeks to point out what too often goes unnoticed: that the noise of those who disagree with small portions of what the National Council sees as its role blots out the tremendous job being done cooperatively by the various arms of the Council. In addition, the author makes clear his personal disagreement with portions of that program now being carried on, but does so in a sensible, constructive way. He was, himself, a member of the General Board of the Council for three years after becoming disturbed about reports of Council activities. He was determined to learn first-hand what was really going on. What he learned is clearly expressed in his booklet.

His own estimate of his writing is as follows: "Whether my appraisal is predominantly pro-NCC or con-NCC, I cannot determine. There is much I find good...far more than I have mentioned; there is much I find bad, but very little more, if any, than I have mentioned. What I brand 'bad' I do so with an acute awareness that it is so branded only because it represents a concept of the role of the NCC in social action that differs from my own."

This publication would serve as an excellent tool for small group study in local churches sharing a concern for the National Council of Churches and its activities. Copies of it may be obtained from The Crawford Publishing Co., P. O. Box 2586, Jacksonville, Florida, at a cost of $1.00.

A second publication by this same author is equally stimulating and informative. **HOW TO INVESTIGATE THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN THE U. S. A.** is a well-written, authoritative tool in helping clear the roadblocks of misunderstanding confronting Christians today in their understanding of the National Council of Churches. Good for individual or small group study, it gives real insight into some of the concerns and questions being raised about the cooperative service agency in which most of the major denominations share as they seek to carry out their witness and mission in the world.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN JAPAN

"YES! THE CHURCH IN JAPAN STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP!!"

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN JAPAN...with its co-workers from overseas is rethinking its mission, trying to reach people where they are with the Gospel as it speaks to their daily problems. Hokkaido's Christian Dairy College (Rakuno Daigaku) has a special course (October-March) for 100 farmers from all over Hokkaido. This year 99 are eldest sons in their family—they will have to carry on Japan's food production by methods and in an atmosphere very different from their childhood and youth.

From: **The Rev. and Mrs. Richard Lammers**

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

Let Us Be Resolute!

Tradition has it that New Year's Day is the time for resolutions. Resolutions can be nice things-materials for a strong personal foundation but they are moldy as they are holy. Alas it is far too simple to say a resolution but to forget it just as quickly. However most of these putty promises are actually minor in nature (although they seem of great importance at the time). This discussion is not concerned with such matters as weight problems or nail biting, but rather the more deeper subjects of our consciences.

To resolve to do good in God's name could indeed be considered an oath: if this is accepted, then, under the light that an oath is sacred, when we resolve to do better in the sight of God we are held by faith as well, as by will power.

That is one angle into the topic but whether or not it is true there is yet another mark against the quickly made resolution. It may sound a little off, but psychologists tell us that force of habit bears greatly on the formation of our personalities and the more we ignore our newly made resolutions the more used to it we become. Though it may seem trivial anything which hinders our religious growth must be considered important.

Do not let this scare you away from resolutions! For myself when I do make those more important resolutions I realize my human weaknesses (which are many) and therefore only resolve to **try** to do something. Yet "only" is deceptive for I must truly try even after I may have succumbed to temptation and ignored my resolution.

Looking back you might see that I also said there are very good points in favor of our "friend", the resolution. They are easy to see. Sometimes it seems that we really do not find time to settle with ourselves and "re-calculate" our courses. With the modern mind in many instances demanding a schedule (such as for work which would not be done without one) we may find that New Year's, being designated for resolutions, gives us the ideal opportunity to attempt to cope with our faults.

Thus the good in resolving resolutions is to be resolute!

"Those apt to promise are apt to forget."—Proverbs

Youth Sermons Of F. E. Ratzell

Fifty-six sermons presented to the youth of First Congregational Church in Asheville by the Rev. Frank E. Ratzell, pastor of the church from 1951 until his death last year, have been published by the church. In the forward of this booklet, these words express the warm relationship which existed between the young people and their minister:

> "There was a lightness in Frank Ratzell's messages to youth, even though they involved great issues of life. And when he spoke to youth, there was a twinkle in his eye and a significant exchange of smiles with his listeners. And youth did, indeed, listen!"

Copies of this booklet, entitled **Youth Listened—Messages,** may be obtained from The First Congregational Church, Box 8387, Asheville, N. C. The cost is one dollar. This would be an excellent gift for a young person you know, or for a church to make available for its young people.

Drama By South Boston P. F.'ers

The SENIOR PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP of CENTER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST presented a 3 Act play to nearly a full house on December 13, 1964 at 7:30 in the Sanctuary.

The play, entitled "CHRISTMAS AT THE CONRADS" is cast in a modern day setting; and confronts many of the problems that a twentieth century family is faced with. It is written by Ethel Moore Frisch.

Mrs. Conrad, a social climber, has insisted that the family move to a larger house in a more aristocratic community. Jason and Mary, the household helpers, were taken along as butler and maid. The Conrads, who were living above their means, began to drift away from their happy relationship into bickering and quarreling. The climax came at Christmas when the family troubles piled up with the son's scrape with the law; followed by an injury to the ten-year old daughter; and the family realization that they had drifted away from God and the real meaning of the Coming of Christ; so forgiving each other they pledged to start over as they knelt before a Christmas present of the "Head of Christ" by Solomon.

Mrs. Conrad, the mother, was played by Debbie Johnson. Jerry, the son in high school, Daniel Crosby. A ten-year-old daughter, Carol, played by Susan Ferrell. Mr. Conrad, L. H. Seamster, Jr. Sue, the daughter in college, Wanda Sneed. Judy, her college friend, played by Janice Earp. Jason, the butler, Earl Weatherford. His wife, Mary, Jane Cole. A neighbor lady, Mrs. Frump, played by Patricia Brown, and the policeman, Steve Earp. Wanda and Doris Talley were prompters. Mike Anderson, Donald Tanksley, and Wayne Throckmorton were prop-men and ushers. David Crosby sang a solo, entitled "Bethlehem Lullaby". Mr. and Mrs. Woody K. Bane, Sr., are the Pilgrim Fellowship Sponsors, assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Walter F. Crosby.

Oakland, Chuckatuck, P. F.

The months of November and December were busy ones for members of the Oakland Pilgrim Fellowship.

For the month of November the Fellowship made fruit baskets and presented them to older members and shut-ins of the church. This was just in time for Thanksgiving.

Equally as active has been the month of December for the P. F. at Oakland. They helped a needy family in the community have a happier and joyous Christmas by giving them gifts they would not ordinarily receive. Members also went caroling during the week of Christmas.

Attention P. F. Reporters!

Since the **Christian Sun** issue for the week of January 31 to February 7 will be devoted largely to Youth Week we would like for you to send in your group's plans for Youth Week as well as any back news.

We also invite anyone interested to send in an essay on their opinions of the theme for the 1965 Youth Week: "Songs For A Small Planet", or any related topic.

Also it is asked that any conference with news of a rally or other plans please send it! Some districts and Conferences have not reported at all!

All articles must be in by January 17 in order to be included in the Youth Week issue.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

The Scale

You'll need a pencil and some paper for this . . .

When you have them, draw a vertical line (up and down). At the top of this line draw a short line across. On the bottom put another short line across. Half way up draw another line across. Then add a line about a quarter of the way up and a final one three-quarters of the way up. So you now have a vertical line divided into quarters.

Next to the short line across the bottom, write the word CONFORMITY. Next to the second line from the bottom write SOCIAL. At the half-way mark write ETHICAL. The three-quarter mark should be designated as RELIGIOUS. And the top mark needs the words PERSONAL FAITH.

This scale is a Do-It-Yourself Church Attitude Estimator. Its real effectiveness requires two things of you: (1) a certain degree of perception and (2) honesty. Before beginning to think about the question at hand, which will come later, review the characteristic points associated with each of the scale divisions you've marked off.

CONFORMITY is the simplest to characterize. Here is the desire to do what everyone else is doing; the thought that there may be some prestige value involved; a sign of respectability.

The SOCIAL mark takes conformity and adds the pleasure of being with others with whom something is shared in common; being active without being bored; communicating rumors; feeling comfortable and secure; relaxation.

The ETHICAL includes conformity and the social but advances just a bit further by putting in some time-acceptable moral standards which have religious overtones in an ambiguous sort of way; depicts the highest value as "the good life", and cultivates the development of pious hypocrisy.

The RELIGIOUS involves conformity, the social and the ethical. It also brings in emotionalism; ritual; formal response to God in worship experiences; charitable concern for others; standardized regulations for relating to God and people; and organization.

PERSONAL FAITH does not lack conformity, the social, the ethical or religion. But it does place them all within the context of man's need for identity with God; man's strength in fellowship with other men; man's desire to maintain acceptable moral standards and his frustrating inability to do so; man's need for an instrument of response and an environment encouraging service; the redemptive act of God's love in Jesus of Nazareth who was the Christ for all men.

Where on the scale will you now place a mark indicating, first, your attitude toward the church's role and your relationship to it? Second, what image do you feel is reflected in the life of your church as it carries out its role as it is seen collectively by its members? In the church school, women's or men's group, youth fellowship, deacons, trustees, minister, choir . . .

Go ahead---put a mark on the scale!

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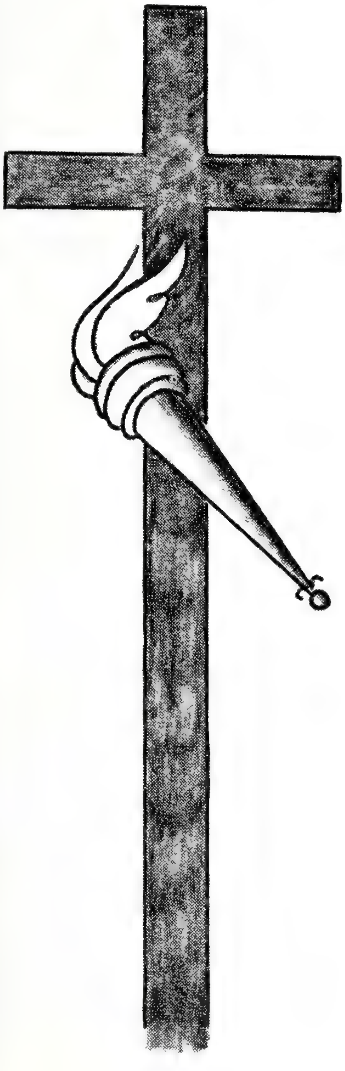
The Tasks Of Christian Education



To nurture growth in relation to God

To help develop trustful and responsible relations with others

To encourage individuals to become whole persons

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

/KJ

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

/Phillips

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind . . . You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

/RSV

Each year seems to accumulate hundreds of special designations for its fifty-two weeks. Be Good To Milkmen Week, Drink Hiccup Soda Week, Buy More Flowers Week . . . we could go on and on. Unfortunately the valuable emphases soon become swamped by the unimportant and ridiculous.

Christian Education Week is an annual reminder that the whole educational mission of the church is basic to the witness and service carried out in the name of Christ Jesus in our world. The tasks of Christian Education become more than words when we discover that they have their origin in the Great Commandment given by Jesus in response to an inquiry somewhat hostily asked.

Growing in relation to God **means** growing in every quality of existence and in each respect of our being . . . mind, body and spirit. Developing trustful and responsible relations with others **means** learning to love others as we hold ourselves in high regard. Becoming whole persons **means** realizing the full potential of all that we can become in responding to God; gaining awareness that life is a balance equally pivoted on the spirit with body and mind at each side.

Christian Education is not just another department of the church. It is the vitality of the church and its active mission in witness and nurture. It must never be taken for granted or cheapened. Our perspective of its role must always be tempered by the vision our Bible provides for us of Jesus of Nazareth as teacher. The educational mission of the church is a powerful, determining factor in the evangel of our fellowship. Its standards need to be continually and realistically raised. Growth has to be encouraged for all within its inclusiveness . . . student, teacher, minister, parent.

On Adult Education

Why is continuing education of adults a marginal or peripheral concern of the churches? Some authorities say that it is because the church does not understand what Christian adult education is for, and what content is needed to achieve its purposes. Adult education in the churches is too often regarded as an instrument of survival of the institution. As such, it is directed inward toward reinforcement and support of church doctrine rather than outward toward the problems of Christian living in a modern society. A continuing-education program of a church that is directed outward would lose its marginality by becoming central to the need of adults to find the workings of God in their daily lives.

A program of continuing education focused on equipping adults to enter with their secret dicipline into the strivings of the secular world, to bring hope to others, would be concerned with a plan of life-long learning built around learning the skills and knowledge for such tasks as the following: being Christian in our vocations; helping others with human and theological problems; communicating to others faith, hope and love that would make of us competent lay evangelists; educating our families and our intimate friendship groups in Christian living; bringing religion into civic citizenship; using leisure in Christian ways, both within the crowd and away from it in our solitude.

These diciplines are not easy to learn, but for most of us they constitute the "subject-matter" for a program of life-time study.

International Journal of Religious Education
—Paul L. Essert, **The Challange Adults Face**

New Leadership Manual Available

The Leadership Manual, by Richard L. Snyder, Secretary for Adult Education of the Adult Ministry Staff, Division of Christian Education, United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, is a resource for the administration of the Christian education program in local churches. It is published by the United Church Press as an aid in carrying out an effective educational program particularly as it makes use of the denominational teaching tools. Its value is **not** limited, however, to those local churches using the United Church Curriculum.

This 60 page book is divided into three main sections: FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION; STRUCTURES OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION; THE PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. An introduction and concluding section round out this excellent work by Mr Snyder, who has served as pastor and Christian education person in local churches.

Such items are considered as worship, curriculum, the nature of people, family, stewardship, mission in the first section on FOUNDATIONS. In the section on STRUCTURES, ideas on community within the church school, committee responsibilities, organization, evaluation, planning, supervision, patterns, grouping, coordination, confirmation and small church possibilities. And in PRACTICE are superintendent, departmental leaders, Youth Ministry leadership, adult ministry leadership, role of the pastor, recruiting workers, budget, building and equipment, records, worship, evangelism, music, visual arts, camps and many others.

Every church, using the new curriculum or not, will find this a very valuable tool for guidance and standards. It may be ordered from United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, Dept. of Church School Publications, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Penna. 19102. The cost is $1.00.

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

Comics — A Christian Perspective

All of us read the daily newspaper. For the writer, the morning paper, a cup of coffee, a bowl of cornflakes with a banana cut up in it and covered over with milk is part of his early morning ritual. Between bites of cornflakes, the writer reads the sports page, the news, and the editorials. Then, he turns to the comic strips.

1. Little Orphan Annie

Little Orphan Annie is still young and perpetually so. Dick Tracy survives another hair-raising episode. The twins are engaged in another fine family experience. Walt Willet is growing older and his children now are in business.

There are four comic strips that are worthy of mention and are both wholesome and helpful.

2. Judge Parker:

This comic strip seeks to restore the marred image of the legal and law enforcement servants of our time. Many attempts have been made to discredit the legal and law enforcement public servants as crooks and grafters. All of us know that this is not true in more than a few cases. This comic strip teaches us respect and appreciation for the law, without which we would all live in a jungle. An honest judge has an opportunity to be more than a person rendering a legal verdict. Judge Parker shows a friendly and compassionate concern for people and their problems. There is a sermon here.

3. Gil Thorpe:

Coach Gil Thorpe and his assistant deal with the problems of athletics and teen age social life in a large high school. This is one of the most wholesome and authentic interpretations of high school life the writer has read recently. Athletics and dedicated teachers and coaches can render Christian service in many ways to high school youth. High school youth deeply appreciate this type of teacher and coach. There is a sermon here.

4. Apartment 3-G

This comic strip gives us some indication of the personal and group problems of career girls in our large cities who seek to make their way in work and in social life. A good friend next door, or a friend down the street proves a friend indeed. There are many sermons in this fine comic strip.

In case you might wonder, the writer reads materials other than the comic strips.

Clyde L. Fields
Superintendent

CHURCH SCHOOL WORKER

Church school workers will find an abundant source of helpful material in our denominational monthly publication, **CHURCH SCHOOL WORKER.** This 64 page magazine includes suggestions, new ideas, reports, and items of interest to teachers, ministers and administrators in areas which cover work with children, youth and adults.

In the February issue, for example, there is an excellent article by Mary E. Venable entitled **Children's Questions and Comments.** In it she discusses children's remarks about God, Jesus, conduct, death, etc. in a way which would interest not only teachers of children but parents as well.

In this issue, too, **Adults Learn About Our World** is written by one of our Southern Convention leaders who is active nationally, Mrs. F. C. Lester. In it she reviews this year's adult mission study materials. A second article shares some thoughts about teaching the coming semester's adult course in the United Church Curriculum.

For workers with young people, **Life In The Middle Of Time** probes into the mission of the church with youth. Inspirational bits fit into the **Church School Worker** appropriately. Personal meditation for church school workers; worship services; communicating the message of the Bible . . . these are just a few of the valuable and stimulating articles for February.

Churches ought to take advantage of this resource magazine. Subscriptions may be ordered from The Division of Publication, United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Penna. 19102. Individual rates are $3.50 per year. Five or more of each issue sent to one address are only $2.80 per year each.

ON THE EDGE

January 6 was Ladies Night at **United Congregational Christian Church, Portsmouth,** Men's Fellowship meeting. The new 1965 officers were also installed at this meeting.

In addition to the $1000 given as part of its extended mission to St. Peter's UCC by **Peace UCC** (both in Greensboro), the Churchmen's Fellowship at Peace gave another $100 as their special gift to the new church.

During the month of December, a special Dedication Service was held at **Bethlehem Church (Nansemond)** marking more than 100 years of service to the community and looking ahead to greater things for the kingdom of God. Pastor of the church is Rev. R. E. Brittle.

The Rev. L. Bill Simmons, Virginia Field Secretary for the Southern Convention, has been serving as supply pastor for the **South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church.** Dr. H. S. Hardcastle is now serving as supply for the church.

The January sermon titles at **Lynnhaven Colony UCC, Virginia Beach,** are fascinating: "Pelican In The Desert"; "Short Beds And Narrow Covers"; "Solid Ground And Slipping Feet". Minister of the church is the Rev. Thomas Britton.

Pulpits were exchanged between the pastor of **Shelton Memorial Church,** Rev. William T. Joyner, and the pastor of **First Congregational Christian Church,** Rev. Robert C. Hultman, on January 3rd. Both churches are in Portsmouth.

OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION

Got Your Vacation Church School Planning Underway?

The dates for your vacation Church School should be all lined up by now. Materials have begun to roll off the presses. Committees have held their first or second meetings to get planning underway for 1965 VCS opportunities. The following outline may help your committee get going and see to all of the details that need caring for:

- **Fall** — teachers should have been lined up
- **Ten weeks before** — decide on courses you will use and order them
- **Six weeks before** — discuss training experiences your teachers have had and arrange to get them to training sessions to be held in your area
- **Four weeks before** — begin intensive promotion of your VCS in the church and community
- **Two weeks before** — check to see that all supplies and equipment are ready for use and send out VCS postcard reminders
- **One week after** — meet with teachers and workers to evaluate and keep a record of meeting for next year's planning

In the proposed Southern Conference area there shall be several VCS workshops for teachers to attend. Announcement of the dates of these training sessions will be made in a few weeks. Plan on getting your teachers to share in one.

The Cooperative Series catalog is now available from Central Distribution Service, United Church of Christ, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Penna. 19102, at no cost. The theme for 1965 Cooperative courses will be **GOD AND HIS WORLD.** The age group titles are: **God's World of Wonder** (Kindergarten); **God the Creator** (Primary); **God, Creator and Sustainer** (Junior); **World Without End** (Junior High). A sample kit of the above courses plus activity packets; **The How of Vacation Church Schools** (very helpful whether you use this material or not); poster and postcards — may be obtained from United Church Bookstore, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102, for $7.50.

WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL DO? . . .

Through its Division of Christian Education, the Council gives guidance to the UNITED CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT. It provides eight interdenominational summer conferences through the COMMISSION ON MISSIONARY EDUCATION, which also reaches seven million persons annually by means of books, plays, film-strips and films produced by the FRIENDSHIP PRESS. The Division administers some 600 leadership schools each year, guides religious education and daily vacation schools, coordinates programs for 471 church-related colleges. The Division produced and holds the copyright to the REVISED STANDARD VERSION of the BIBLE, and serves as the custodian of its basic text...

E. Va. Workers' Conference Dec.

The Rev. John S. Graves, Chaplain and Professor of Christian Education at Elon College, was among the leaders of the area **Christian Education Workers' Conference** held December 29 at Lynnhaven Colony UCC. Other leaders included Rev. William T. Joyner; Rev. and Mrs. Robert Bew; Rev. John Lackey; Mr. Harry E. Davis; Mrs. Thomas Britton.

No! Dedication Is Not Enough

By Richard N. Rinker

The responsibility of the church school teacher has not been met when nothing more has been done than to expose children, young people or adults to "religious teachings". There must be opportunity for response; there must be a willingness to receive responses when they come. Until response is stimulated, the job is undone. And even when there has been a response, its nature might indicate that teaching has not been taking place.

One of the concerns of Jesus, judging from his ability to reach people where they were, was with presenting God's truth in terms which were understandable and significant for the individuals with whom he came in contact. Teachers in church schools can do no less than try to emulate his example.

Unless teachers are motivated by the desire to serve students in a person-to-person kind of relationship, involving not just one's mind, but all of one's concern and Christian love, **no** curriculum, however fine, can meet the needs of those we are trying to reach. Worthwhile material demands this kind of concern, and it is this very demand for complete involvement that discourages teachers unaccustomed to teaching in depth. They cannot comprehend its importance. It is unlike the kind of teaching to which they were exposed as Sunday schoolers.

Teachers complain because they are unable to use teaching materials with more than a commercial or shallow approach to the educational mission of our church. They claim "not to have the education" or background necessary for using better materials. And yet they continue to use "easy" stuff — sub-standard, undemanding, unchallenging — which speaks in comfortable, narrowly confining ways with which they have been (and wish to remain) familiar. Such unwillingness to grow, obviously, will never help teachers reach higher levels of understanding or ability. No aspect of sound teaching materials is more important to students than that one which provides for teachers' growth — in depth and witnessing relationship with God.

Rev. Richard N. Rinker, North Carolina Field Secretary, shared in a parents-youth evening at **Amelia Christian Church, Clayton,** on January 3. The concern was The Youth Ministry as it is related to the local church.

LAY LIFE & WORK

Adult Education Ventures

By Richard N. Rinker

This past fall and winter, many kinds of experiences were planned and carried out in the churches of our fellowship as they worked on their adult education programs. Three with which this writer was associated proved to be worth sharing with others. No doubt local churches could share their successes as well in addition to these.

Sedalia community, between Greensboro and Burlington, was the location of a series of five Tuesday evening, two hour, Bible study sessions for adults of several churches in the area. The resource book used was **Our Biblical Heritage,** part of the second year, first semester material in the United Church Curriculum. Between 25-30 men and women met each Tuesday evening; some were teachers in church schools and others were otherwise associated with the educational mission at the local church level.

The two hour sessions were divided into three parts. The first was an introductory presentation of interpretation and information lasting from 25-30 minutes. Second, 30-40 minutes were spent in small group Bible study of suggested passages of scripture related to the concern for the evening. Conversation and discussion centered around four basic questions: What form is the passage? (poetry, history, law, myth, etc.) Where does it fit into the whole biblical picture? What was the main point of the passage in its context? Does it say anything to us now? The third part of the evening was the coming together of the small groups into one large group again with one person from each small group sharing the ideas that developed in his or her group with everyone. Discussion of the ideas followed.

These first five week sessions covered the Old Testament. In the spring, another five week series has been requested and arranged using the same general approach. This opportunity for acquiring scholastically sound Christian information on the Holy Scriptures, along with some real digging into the ideas given by the Bible, proved very enjoyable and received fine participation from those on hand.

Elon College Community Church was the scene of a second type of experience for concerned adults. The general topic was the adult and the church. It turned out to be a small group (5-7) which was conversational, informal and flexible. Over four alternate Sunday evenings the relationships of adult-church, church-family, religion-faith, and worship-adult were talked over. One constant aim was to get behind the conventional phrases and comfortable words we hear so often. One or two hopes for small groups such as this might include depth thinking in theology and the development of the ability to communicate beliefs effectively to others. It represented a genuine sharing of ideas in a frank, open-minded, face-to-face relationship. Reactions were very good and continuing opportunities were suggested by the men and women involved.

First Christian Church in Burlington was where the third kind of experience took place, this time as a one Sunday morning class for adults. Using the International Sunday School Lesson material, published jointly with other denominations by our denomination as a possible alternate to United Church Curriculum, about 30-35 adults participated. This was a 35 minute Bible study (the topic happened to be the letter to Philemon). Basically this was a three-section study: a very brief introduction; four small groups discussing different passages within the text and the concern What is it saying?; and a report back to the entire group followed by discussion of new ideas and questions. Discussion was limited only by the shortness of the time available. Response was perceptive and showed sharing and probing had taken place in the small groups. The point made, fairly clearly, is that sound small group teaching techniques apply just as well with materials other than United Church Curriculum and in large adult classes.

Laity Retreat Scheduled

By Convention of the South

From Friday, January 15 (8:00 p.m.) until Sunday, January 17 (1:00 p.m.), the Convention of the South will be sponsoring a retreat for laymen and women at Franklinton Center, Bricks, N.C. This retreat is open to all laypersons of the Southern Synod and Southern Convention as well as to those of the Convention of the South.

Guest speaker on Saturday afternoon will be the Rev. Sterling Whitener, who is currently on leave from missionary work in Hong Kong and serving with the North Carolina Fund as his field work while studying at the University of North Carolina. He will address the group on the subject of "Poverty" and show slides of our work in Hong Kong.

The cost of this retreat will be $7.50 per person for the weekend. The first meal will be served at 8:00 p.m. Friday and the last at noon on Sunday. Theme for the weekend will be **This Is Our Ministry.**

Lay School Of Theology

Lancaster, Penna.

In 1965 there shall be two sessions of the LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY held each year at Lancaster Theological Seminary. This special program is planned to deepen the understanding of our faith on the parts of laymen. It is an excellent investment of time and funds for a church to make in its laymen.

The first sessions will be held June 6-12. Courses will include: Mark's Witness To Jesus; The Christian And The Changed Industrial Complex; A Study Of Luther's Early Life.

The second session will be held June 13-19 and will include: The Faith Of The Old Testament And The Christian Faith; The Language of The Christian — How Do Laymen Communicate The Faith; How to Teach In The New Curriculum. Courses will be taught by the staff of the seminary and nationally prominent leaders.

The cost of the school will be $45 for room, board, tuition and registration. Registration forms may be secured from Rev. William A. Slater, Lay Life and Work, 297 Park Avenue South, New York, N. Y. 10010.

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Christian Education

Leadership Training School

FEBRUARY 7-10

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Courses of interest to all adults will be included in the school.

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SECOND YEAR SEMESTER

Sun., Jan. 17 (2:30-5:30) Brookford, Faith UCC
Sun., Jan. 24 (2:00-5:00) Garner, Trinity UCC
Sun., Jan. 24 (7:00-9:00) Concord, Trinity UCC
Sun., Jan. 24 — Zion Bethel Church, Portsmouth

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Christian Education
Workers' Conference

Meeting Fourth Tuesday
Of Each Month

Alternating Between Churches Participating

Offering programs directed at growth in understanding our educational mission.

Contact: Rev. L. Bill Simmons, Box 15126, Chesapeake, for information

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Congo National Available

Mr. Georges Nzongola, student at Davidson College until June 1965, will be available to speak to women's, men's and youth fellowship groups beginning now. He is a national from Leopoldville, Congo, Africa, where he is a member of the Presbyterian church. He is here in America as part of the International Christian Youth Exchange program. Mr. Nzongola has slides he can show in connection with his presentation.

Church groups wishing to take advantage of the opportunity to hear Mr. Nzongola may write to him at Davidson College, Box 1089, Davidson, N. C. Transportation to and from the college should be arranged. A modest honorarium would be in order.

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

Mission Schools In Turkey

"If our mission schools are to continue as educationally sound institutions, increasing budgets will be necessary to cover the proportionately higher costs of good education."

One of the highlights of the spring, especially for Mary Lou who was a delegate, was the Mission Educational Conference held in Istanbul. It was designed to take a hard look at our four mission schools in Turkey and their effectiveness. With the Mission having had work in Turkey for more than one hundred years, there have been innumerable changes and in this conference there was much discussion about ways of continuing the silent witnessing of the schools and the setting of new policies and programs to keep our institutions abreast of the changing needs of this developing country.

If our mission schools are to continue as educationally sound institutions, increasing budgets will be necessary to cover the proportionately higher costs of good education. However, this year the world-wide mission budget was not even covered by contributions from the American churches, and certainly was not able to provide for improvements or expansion. The second urgent problem is the lack of qualified personnel to take care of present programs. This year the Talas School lost six mission staff members (more than 50%) and only two were replaced. Moreover, all three administrative officers are new to their jobs. We all realize that the students are not receiving the quality of education to which they are entitled, because one man cannot do well the job of two.

From: **Dr. and Mrs. Warren Winkler**
Turkey

SPECIAL REPORT

The National Council of Churches

Reprints from **Presbyterian Survey,** December 1964, entitled **The Truth About The National Council of Churches,** are available for local churches to use in getting factual information about the NCC. Study groups, service groups, fellowships for men and women would find this 15-page reprint of great value. The opening paragraph suggests the stand being taken by many of the major denominations in response to the attacks on the NCC being heard from a few noisy quarters:

> "It seems necessary now to begin (setting the record straight), however, because the distortionists have become louder, organized, well-financed, and vicious in their attacks. They are confusing many honest Christians who don't know the truth about the NCC. They are making it impossible for fair and honest criticisms of the NCC to be heard. They are playing on the fears of large numbers of people to deal lucratively in the business of anti-communism."

Copies of this helpful resource may be ordered from: NCC Reprints, Presbyterian Survey, 341 Ponce de Leon Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga. 30308. The cost is 10¢ each for 1-100 or $9/100 in lots of 100.

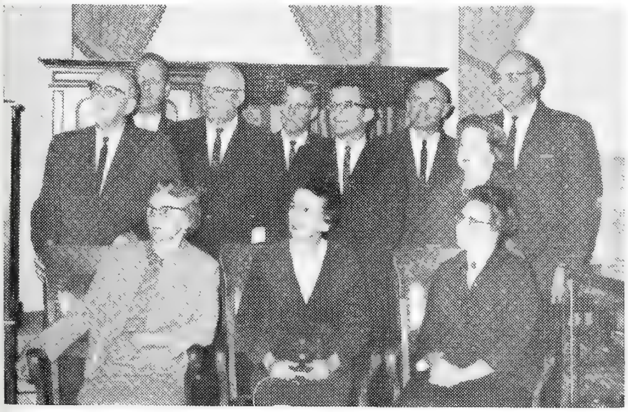
Elon Is Church-Related

For seventy-five years Elon College has considered itself to be a church-related college. This is only one half of the story of effectiveness. The churches of the Southern Convention in the past have thought of themselves as "college-related churches." This explains the close relation which has existed between Elon and the churches of the Southern Convention. It is the desire and purpose of Elon College to continue its "church-relatedness" as evidenced by the continuing inspiration and preparation of scores of young people in, through and for the churches. Needless to say, Elon cannot do its best unless there is a continuing and growing "college-relatedness" on the part of the churches. Support of the Diamond Anniversary Fund Campaign for Elon College is but a financial manifestation of "college-relatedness" on the part of the churches. Elon College is interested in serving the churches through lay and ministerial leadership trained at Elon College. In these days when colleges are crowed, Elon College is anxious to give priority to our own Church young people who are qualified for study at this Church institution.

We urge high school juniors and seniors of our churches to make applications early for admission to Elon so that all qualified students of our Church may be given every consideration. We want our young people to attend Elon.

COLLEGE EDUCATION PAYS

According to Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, former President of the University of Chicago, the new "lifetime income" figure for male citizens who have completed four years of college is $360,604; for those who have merely finished high school, the lifetime income figure is $224,417. Thus, a college education is worth $136,187 in additional lifetime income.



Historical Society Directors and Others Attending Board Meeting December 9, 1964.

From left to right: Seated, Mrs. Oma U. Johnson, Curator, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Mrs. B. B. Johnson; Standing, Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Historian, Reverend Harry Mathis, Reverend J. Frank Apple, Vice-President, Reverend Lowell A. Smoot, Robert C. Baxter, Jr., Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Convention Superintendent, Mrs. W. W. Sellers, Dr. J. Earl Danieley, President of Elon College.

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Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, will be guest speaker at the **First United Church of Christ in Landis, N. C. on** January 9th for the annual meeting of the church. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Hiram Davis.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Anniversary Campaign Progress

We acknowledge Letters of Intent from the following Churches as of January 5, 1965:

VVA — Shenandoah, Newport; EVA — Hopewell, First; ENC — Franklinton, Pope's Chapel; WNC — Pittsboro, Hanks Chapel.

We are glad to report that to January 4, 1965, more than $530,000 has been pledged on the $600,000 goal. Of that amount the churches of the Southern Convention have given us Letters of Intent or assurances totaling $167,660, or 74.51% of the $225,000 Church Goal. We have had favorable responses from 95 Churches. Listed by Conferences and amounts as follows:

Conference	Churches	% Min. Goal	Amt.-Ltrs. Int.
VVA	**3**	**$ 2,050**	**17.29**
EVA	**33**	**66,672**	**78.75**
ENC	**18**	**19,984**	**53.54**
WNC	**12**	**12,038**	**52.32**
NCVA	**29**	**66,916**	**81.66**

We feel certain that others of our Churches will respond to the need of our College for support in this Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Campaign. Elon has served our Churches well since 1889, and we believe that we will honor the faith of our fathers by the support of the institution which they started at great personal sacrifice and thus made available a rich heritage through Christian higher education. We hope that additional Churches will take favorable action by accepting a goal of their own choosing in support of the Diamond Anniversary Fund. The Director of Church Relations will be happy to visit in the Churches and be of assistance in interpreting the needs of our College.

The Christian Sun

Rev. Richard N. Rinker, *Editor*
Rev. Clyde L. Fields, *Associate Editor*
Mr. Noel Allen, *Youth Editor*
Rev. Walstein W. Snyder, *Elon Home Editor*
Rev. William T. Scott, Sr., *Elon College Editor*

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Postmaster: please send form 3579 to the office at Elon College, N. C.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

December 28, 1964

Dear Friends:

As indicated by the reports of this and last week in The Sun, this has been one of the best Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons for our Home for Children. Churches, business, industry and individuals have been kind to us in response to our special appeal. It is this kind of support that helps us to render the kind of service these children ought to have in order to grow up to be the right kind of citizens.

We are certainly grateful to all of our churches for their continued support. In all of the struggle that has gone on over the new conference set-up, we wondered what effect it would have on our churches and their support of our program. We were certainly happy to see the results of our Thanksgiving appeal. With exception of only a few churches, all of them responded to our appeal that have responded each year heretofore. We have maintained in all of this that though we have our differences of opinion, we are a family of churches and we should stick together in our support of the various causes of our church.

I am certainly most grateful to all of the fine people, not only within our church, but without it, who have so generously supported our program. There were several churches in the Burlington area of other denominations who made contributions during this season. This, of course, is because of the service they know we are rendering in the immediate area of the Home as well as across the states of North Carolina and Virginia.

As we face the new year, we have renewed hope that we will be able to successfully operate our Home financially in such a way that we can render the kind of child caring service that children should have in this day and time.

Many thanks to all for their continued support of our program.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

REPORT FOR DECEMBER 21 & 28, 1964

Southern Convention of Churches and Church Schools	
Virginia Valley Conference	$ 61.00
Eastern Virginia Conference	672.59
Eastern North Carolina Conference	1,257.37
Western North Carolina Conference	299.00
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	246.83
Total	$2,536.79
Special Offerings	
Loyal Fellowship Bible Class, Oakland Christian Church, Chuckatuck, Virginia	10.00
The Ladies Home Missionary Society, Center Church, New Haven, Connecticut	200.00
A Friend, Burlington, N. C.	.75
Central Congregational Church, Newtonville, Mass.	150.00
Damascus Church, Women's Fellowship, Chapel Hill, N. C.	25.00
Women's Fellowship, Eutaw United Church, Fayetteville	17.00
Memorial Gifts	
In Memory of Baby Son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard	
In Memory of Mrs. John F. McNair	
In Memory of Paul Webster Bowers	
In Memory of J. Langston Thomas	
In Memory of Mr. Harry Cobb	
In Memory of Miss Wilmer Holt (2 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mr. Walter R. Sellars	
In Memory of Mrs. Ireland and Mr. Jim Heritage	
In Memory of Ella and George W. Haughwout	
In Memory of Mr. James A. Chapman	
In Memory of Mr. Samuel Scruggs	
Total Memorial Gifts	166.00
Christmas Offerings:	
Ladies Aid Soc., E. Woodstock Ch., E. Woodstock, Conn.	10.00
Friendship Bible Class, Mt. Olivet UCC Honoring: Mr. Theodore Lam	5.00
Wallace H. Owen, Gibsonville	10.00
W. B. Lumley, Greensboro	10.00
Rachel Fogleman, Burlington	25.00
Iris L. Holt McEwen, Burlington	300.00
Ben and J. W. Miller, Jr., Honoring: Sen. B. Everett Jordan	10.00
Augusta Rhinehart, Linville, Va.	10.00
Board of Directors, National Bank of Alamance, Graham	250.00
D. Pressley Duke, Jr., Suffolk	30.00
Christian Youth Fellowship, Lebanon Ch., Semora, N. C.	5.00
Mrs. T. .B Henley, Norfolk	10.00
Missionary Soc., Pleasant Grove Ch., Halifax, Va.	26.00
Jr. Class, Berea Ch., Driver Va.	12.00
Women's Aux., Berea Ch., Driver, Va.	10.00
Mrs. Fleta Carter, Portsmouth	10.00
Woman's Guild, Park Place Ch., Pawtucket, R. I.	35.00
Mr. Cyrus Shoffner, Liberty, N. C.	10.00
Friends and Customers of the Interstate Equipment Co., Statesville, N. C.	50.00
Angie Crew Circle, Union Ridge Ch., Burlington	15.00
Mrs. C. R. Faucette, Burlington	10.00
Pilgrim Fellowship Group, The Franklin Cong. Ch., Franklin, Va.	25.00
The Cone Foundation, Greensboro	100.00
Women's Guild, Green's Farms Ch., Westport, Conn.	50.00
Mr. H. D. Raper, Burlington	10.00
Missionary Soc. Circle 1, Liberty Ch., Liberty, N. C.	10.00
Bethlehem U.C.C., Harrisonburg, Va.	7.40
Langdale C. C. Ch., Langdale, Ala.	10.00
Collins Grove Baptist Ch., Holly Springs, N. C.	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Menkis, Burlington	10.00
Mrs. B. E. Jordan—Honoring Mrs. Walter R. Sellars, Mrs. George Sharpe, Mrs. W. W. Sellars, Mrs. L. D. Tucker, Mrs. J. H. McEwen, Mrs. Howard Fogleman	30.00
Mr. Dave Forbes	50.00
Mrs. Pauline Perry, Mystic, Conn.	5.00
Mrs. W. L. Clark, Fuquay Springs, N. C.	5.00
Mr. David T. Fuller, Henderson	15 00
Mr. C. M. Fields, Sr., San Leandro, Calif.	5.00
First United Church, Norfolk	128.15
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bowers, Asheboro	10.00
Mrs. Roy Brinkley, Suffolk	6.00
Dorcas-Twiddy Class, Christian Temple, Norfolk	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thomas, Burlington	10.00
Dr. and Mrs. George Kelley, Attleboro, Mass.	25.00
Women's Fellowship, Enfield Ch., Enfield, Conn.	10.00
First Church of Christ Women's Fellowship, New Britain, Conn.	15.00
King Brick & Pipe, Burlington	25.00
Young People's Class, Plymouth Christian Ch., Raleigh	12.50
Adult Bible Class, Plymouth Christian Church, Raleigh	41.60
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Matthews, Portsmouth	200.00
Total	2,528.65
Special Offerings	385.69
Total	4,304.31
Total for the Week	$6,853.10

For Young People

Summer Service Opportunities — II

ECUMENICAL PROJECTS

North America—Information on dates and projects about December 1.

Overseas—Specific information on locations and work types will not be available until after the new year. However, present plans indicate that units will be held in the countries listed here, during July and August. Each camp will take four Americans.

- Netherlands
- Switzerland
- Finland
- Greece
- Norway
- Mexico
- Russia
- Middle East
- Africa
- Asia
- Austria
- France
- Iceland
- Portugal
- Belgium
- Germany
- Italy
- Sweden
- Denmark
- Great Britain

Cost in Europe approximately $750; Middle East $850; Asia and Africa $1,100. All include round trip travel.

In ecumenical projects, the deadline for application is April 1. Early applications will be given preference. Year-round work camps in Africa and Asia. Begin in August 1965. Cost, about $1,100. Also long term possibilities in Austria, France.

COMMUNITY SERVICE projects are those in which a group work as a team to meet a definite social need manifested by a community. This might include such things as racial, economic or class tensions, delinquency, health and home problems as they are approached through basic education, recreation or programs of mutual assistance. Some projects may include limited physical labor.

Age requirements for Community Service projects are 18 years of age and above with the equivalent of at least one year of college. Orientation period for each will be held at the site. Cost, $10 program fee plus travel.

Los Angeles, California—June 28-August 28
Four college age persons to work in integrated inner city situation (Immanunel UCC). It is an area of tension and opportunity for service. A good deal of emphasis upon group work techniques with both youth and adults will be included. Community surveys, club work and recreational skills can be used. Housing will be as a group or in individual homes.

Buffalo, New York—June 14-August 15
Team of four or more college people will serve as part of a larger staff of volunteers working in many sections of the city. Teams will live in areas of work assignment. Work will include vacation church school, day and resident camp, playground supervision, community research. Bible study, seminars and orientation and a fair amount of social life will involve the total group of workers.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—June 14-August 22
Four college people to work for the Philadelphia Cooperative Ministry which is composed of four inner city churches. Group will act as a team in some instances and as individuals in others. Work will include resident camping, vacation church school, Youth clubs, surveys. Team will be housed in one dwelling and will prepare own meals.

St. Louis, Missouri—June 12-August 28
Three teams of four persons each—college age or older. Each team will serve at a separate inner-city project with integrated groups—Caroline Mission, Plymouth House and Fellowship Center. Service will include conducting of vacation church school, leadership in both day camp and resident camp and special assignments with juvenile delinquency demonstration project. Teams will be housed at each Center.

Cleveland, Ohio—June 12-August 21
Four college students above sophomore year to work among the six churches of the Inner City Protestant Parish. These churches are in low income areas. Each church carries on an integrated ministry. Service will include vacation church school, day and resident camping and some tutoring of potential drop-outs. Housing and meals with parish members.

Boston, Massachusetts—June 14-August 18
Six to eight college students to work in Dorchester inner city area under direction of Pilgrim Church staff. Service will include vacation church school, day camp leadership, community surveys, inner city seminars and recreation leadership. Team will be housed together and will eat together.

Lincoln, Massachusetts—June 15-August 21
Three or four college girls to serve as workers with underprivileged families at Farrington Memorial Center. Work is primarly with young children 6 months to 9 years old—day care, craft and recreational leadership. Housing at the project. Workers to give some help with table service. Sponsored by City Missionary Society of Boston.

Black River Falls, Wisconsin— June 21-July 31
Three or four college trained teachers to tutor Indian children at Mission school in order to help them keep up with public school classes. Some craft work and recreational leadership also needed. Housing and food provided.

Kansas City, Missouri—June 27-August 28
Four to six college people to work in newly organized bi-denominational (Presbyterian and UCC) inner city project known as United Inner City Services. There will be opportunity for some physical work, vacation church school leadership. Some involvement in local political issues is implied. Housing and food will be provided.

Honolulu, Hawaii—June 27-August 28
Four college students to work with the Hawaii Conference Metropolitan Mission handling recreational responsibilities in public housing areas. This is a pioneering venture in the islands. Food and housing will be provided.

Bakersfield, California—June 20-July 20
Three or four college people to work under the guidance of Friendship House in conducting a survey of low-income farm labor families. Team would serve as tutors in morning and evening classes for potential school droupouts. Food and lodging provided.

Write:

United Church Board for Homeland Ministries Division of Christian Education Specialized Ministries
Pottstown Rd 2, Penna. 19464

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

Word On Operation Icebreaker

How important is the family car at your house? "Could not do with out it?" I bet it's really useful in the summer, going on vacations, beach trips, and just getting around. But that car would not be worth nearly as much if it was only operative in the summer because it does not have a heater.

The Southern Convention has such a vehicle used for the transporation of young individuals into a better understanding of Christianity, for trips into God's nature, and for vacations from the confusing outside world. The vehicle is a 1965 Moonelon, a camper. Unfortunately when this vehicle was purchased it had no heating system. Therefore this very important and rather expensive vehicle is used only one half of the year!

During the summer of 1964 some regular riders of our "Moonelon" decided to raise funds to purchase permanent heaters. It is the 1965 Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship Project. Everyone thought it was a very good idea and was all for it. Some groups have already begun sharing in this project. How about yours? Send your share to:

Southern Convention
Project Icebreaker
Box 336
Elon College, N. C.

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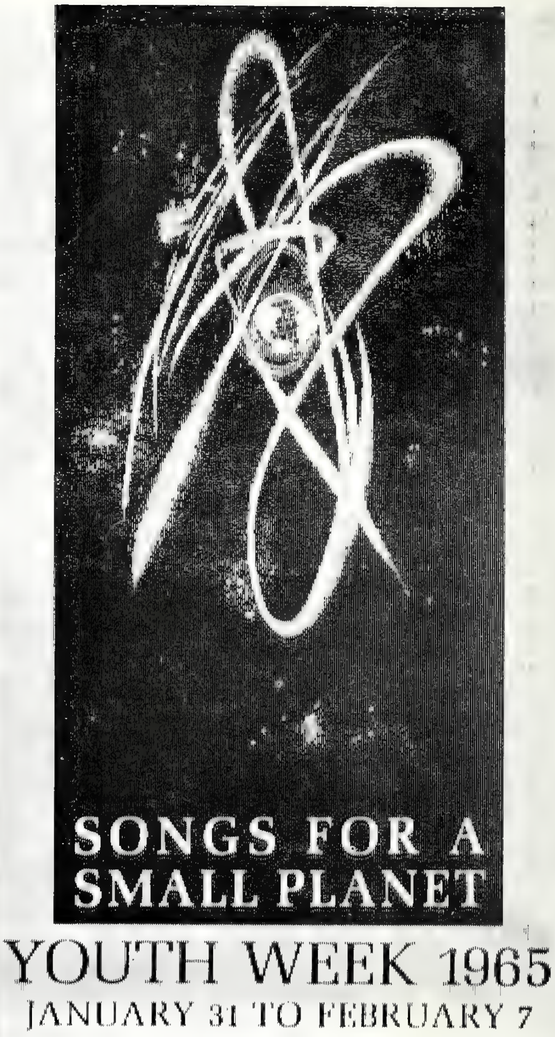
Notice to all P. F. 'ers:

Since the Christian Sun issue for the week of January 31-February 7 will be largely devoted to Youth Week obviously much more news will be needed.

All Pilgrim Fellowships should send in news of their past activities if they have not reported yet as well as plans your group has for Youth Week.

In addition anyone may write an article on his opinions of the theme for the 1965 Youth Week: Song for a Small Planet.

News should be in by January 18 in order to be included in the Youth Week issue.



Very Active Year For Berea, Driver, P. F.

The Pilgrim Fellowship of Berea Christian Church, Driver, Virginia, has been enjoying an active year. Among its service projects were: Caroling at Christmas time, collecting money for UNICEF at Hallowe'en, cleaning the fellowship Hall and church, cleaning and polishing the alter accessories, trimming shrubbery and cleaning the church yard several times, collecting and sendnig clothes to a needy church in Puerto Rico, and caring for children in the church nursery. Six school kits were made for mission schools.

The Fellowship has gone bowling, been skating and swimming, and enjoyed the program at a nearby planetarium. Dr. Wayne Womer also presented an interesting program on Alcohol Education.

One of the highlights of the year was a camping retreat weekend at Seashore State Park which took place in May. Rev. Bill Simmons and his family spent Saturday with the group. He led an inspiring and informative program on Christian vocations, emphisizing the ministry. The following Sunday, the group held its own worship service on the beach with all members taking part.

The Fellowship raised money for various projects by selling flavoring and candy, and sponsoring a lawn party in September. Contributions were made to Remake a Lake at Moonelon, the Children's Home, and CMA. Berea's youth were also responsible for the presentation of the Church's Christmas program.

The Fellowship group has visited a synagogue and a Roman Catholic church as guests of the Suffolk youth. They also attended the Elon College Choir's presentation of the Messiah, at the Suffolk church.

The most recent project which the youth have undertaken is the renovating of a church-owned house to be used as a youth center. One work night is held each week. The members have been active and faithful in their participation.

We are looking forward to an even better year in 1965, with the able help of our minister, Mr. J. Robert Bennett.

Sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Nelson.

Infant Baptism

By Robert A. Bew

Hosea 11: 1, 3 & 4
II Peter 3:9c

—Exerpted From Sermon Preached
At First UCC, Va. Beach

In our world of change, we cannot rely on just any claim, because the claims of today may be false tomorrow. We can take perfect hope, however, in the changeless character of God. The magnificent testimony of biblical faith assures us that God wills the repentance and salvation of every person.

The sacrament of infant baptism is a drama; it tells a story. The words, "I love you", are meaningless until they are caught up in the drama of love. The sacrament of infant baptism is a drama acted out at the baptismal font. In the drama, the principle enunciated in the prologue is that, "The Lord is not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

As the curtain rises after the brief prologue, we feel the presence of God, and see a slave people living in the desert wastes of Egypt. Four hundred years have passed since the death of the patriarch Jacob. Due to the long sojourn in Egypt, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is largely forgotten. The sojourners speak not of God . . . they are like children before Him. But God sees them in their need, for He is not wishing that any should perish. He calls them and gives them a name . . . "my son". Some of the actors in this drama deafen their ears to the gracious calling of God, but those who listen are fed, healed, taught to walk and are led with cords of compassion. God calls them, and does for them that which they cannot do for themselves — He saves them from Egyptian bondage, and thereby frees them for His own service.

The drama helps us remember the great deliverance from Egypt, and the eternal salvation wrought on the cross; moreover, the scenes convey to us the cleansing, forgiving love of God. Just as God saw, loved, cleansed, elected and received Israel to be His son, so He receives the child unto Himself. Just as God did for the infant Israel what he could never do for himself, God does for the child what he can never do for himself.

Every time we baptize a child we testify that God saves us without our merits and even without our knowledge. We baptize infants not to make them God's, but because they already belong to God. He has already elected them. The water of baptism is a sign of the cleansing that God, in His redemptive love, has already provided. In baptism, the main thing is not what men do, but what God has already done. Just as God delivered Israel without ever consulting or waiting for their approval, so God showers His love upon the child without ever consulting or waiting for our approval.

With such splendorous provision by God, is there anything parents can do? Yes, you can rejoice in remembrance that your child's baptism is Christ's visible seal to the fact that God loves him and has marked him for His own. Remember that baptism declares proleptically (declares an event as taking place before it can become fact) an infant's full faith-relationship to God. Remember that there are important growth years ahead which will, we pray, contribute to his early awakening to the wonder of the Father's mercy. May he come early to know his absolute need to **personally** enter into the faith-relationship this day declared in his baptism. Remember to pray for him and with him. Remember to teach him the blessed way of the Master ever mindful that we cannot teach more than we are.

The standing of the congregation during the rite is a sign that the church, too, is a part of the baptismal vows. Many of you will teach this child baptized. May you seek the guidance of God in your teaching that your entire witness may be in accord with His will! May the congregation remember that the children growing up in the fellowship will come to understand the way of our Lord as they see it expressed in us.

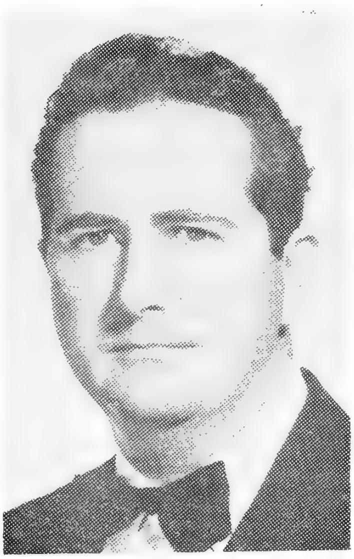
> "If then the holy sacrament of baptism is a thing so great, so gracious and full of comfort, we should thank God for it ceaselessly, joyously, and from the heart."
>
> /Martin Luther

Mack Welch To Virgilina & Hebron

The Reverend Mack V. Welch, pastor of Pleasant Grove Congregational Christian Church at Bennett, has accepted a call from the Virgilina and Hebron Churches, Virginia, to begin serving as their minister February 1.

The reason a lot of people can't find opportunity is that it goes about disguised as hard work.

Odell Powell Called To Apple's Chapel



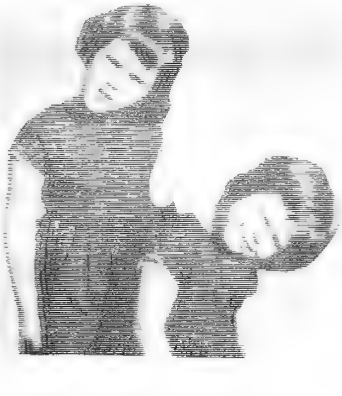
The Reverend Odell J. Powell, currently pastor of Palm Street Congregational Christian Church in Greensboro, has received and accepted a call to serve as pastor and teacher for Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ, Gibsonville, effective in March.

Mr. Powell has served at Palm Street for about four years and is a native North Carolinian. The Powell's have one daughter.

OPERATION ICEBREAKER

Through January 6, the following groups have shared in the 1964-65 Pilgrim Fellowship Project to install permanent heating in the Moonelon Center cabins: **Pleasant Union P. F.** (10.00); **Congregational U. C. C., Greensboro, Pilgrim Bible Class** (25.00); **Sanford First Sr. High P. F.** (10.00). Let's go!

Unspoken Comments



The New Curriculum Art

NOTES FROM THE DESK

It's Magic

People wonder why other people are what they are in their church relationships. Self-contradictory. Hypocritical. Take the twice-a-year overflows at Easter and Christmas, for example. Or the showing up for their child's baptism and then rarely-seen-again parents. Or the popularity of the other sacrament, the Lord's Supper. Or the illogical behavior of people supposed to be worshiping on Sunday mornings in church. Or the lethargy with which church members financially support what they claim is the institution concerned with life's highest ideals and values.

The mistake people make in believing these people to be self-contradictory or hypocritical is that of perspective. Seen from the correct point of view, such behavior is quite reasonable. The thing is, people who act in such apparently inconsistent ways are really being very consistent--their idea of the church is that the church is possessed of salvational magic. This quality is not unlike the pre-reformation indulgences sold by the intinerant Roman Catholic salesmen: buy this and you are guaranteed this. Not black magic, or white magic but sort of a gray magic,

It would be interesting to trace the development of the belief that going to church at Easter and Christmas balanced God's worship ledger. Equally fascinating would be a survey of the baptismal theology of many parents. Bring the child for baptism, promise whatever you have to, forget about everything except the ritual that magically did something (not really sure what) for the good luck or fortunes of the child.

Communion, too, marks the affirmation of this doctrine of magic. While pointing accusing fingers at our Roman Catholic friends for their abuses of the Confessional system, the abuse of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper is no less flagrant by Protestants. It's magic. Not understood. Mysterious. But for some reason important.

Imagine being an observer at a morning worship service, knowing nothing about what is happening except what you can see. Watch the "enthusiasm" with which the hymns are sung or the responsive readings read. See the things which so easily distract. (And be sure not to miss the infants crying and offering diversions for worshipers . . . here is a real testimony to the magic of the church: though they understand nothing distinctive, though they draw attention from worship, being in the church does something.) Notice, too, the gum-chewing choir member and the sleeping deacon. Watch the mechanical mutterings of prayers. Observe the sacrificial giving during the offering service. This is the worship of an Eternal God who has revealed His love, compassion and very self active in history.

This is all quite acceptable. So acceptable, in fact, that nuts who point out these things, as possibly far from what should be the person/church relationship, can't sell their books and don't have their articles read. And this is part of the magic, too. Religion, magically, fulfills the assurance that we have no responsibility except for our own salvation. The religion of magic calms fears, buries any need for doubt, stops any desires for growth, and easily permits the development of meaningless and insignificant faith in the magic of doing these things.

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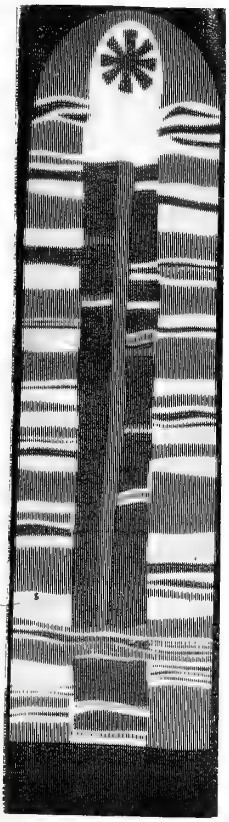

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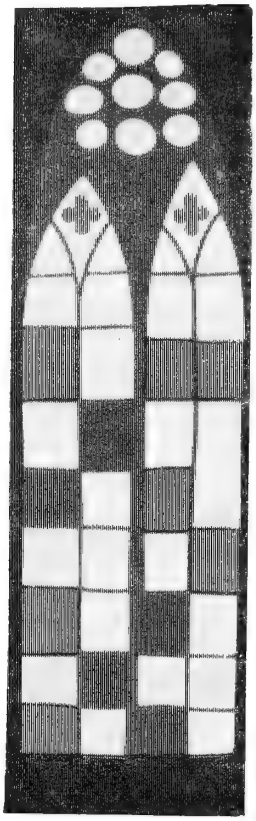

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The Diversity Of Our Christian World Mission

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Not unto us, O Lord, not to us, but to thy name give glory, for the sake of thy steadfast love and thy faithfulness!
/KJ

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.
/RSV

Not unto us, O Lord, But to thy name, give honor; Because of thy kindness, because of thy faithfulness!
/Goodspeed

Though we've probably never made clear distinctions in our own minds, most of us are aware that there are different kinds of prayer. Theological seminaries outline the classic forms for students. Conscientious pastors try to include as many of the varieties as possible every Sunday morning.

Whether a prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, confession, repentence or petition, every prayer points toward man's need for God. In this communication with Him, there is no time when man could conceivably say, "OK, God, this time I'm praying just for the sake of praying!" Prayer is not an end in itself ... it is a probing mind seeking that which is greater by immeasurable infinity.

Because this is so, all prayer is glorification of God. By engaging in this experience, we are saying to ourselves and others, "God is there. I can communicate with Him." It is to His glory that in prayer we demonstrate the nearness of the Infinite, the Eternal, the Everlasting, to the limited, finite creature who is man. The wonder is in the fact that personal communion with God is dared and may be successfully carried out.

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Announcement Made By Dr. W. W. Snyder

The Wilmer Holt Endowment Fund Is Established

Dear Friends:

While our greatest concern, of course, is the kind of program we have for those entrusted to our care, we also are greatly concerned with our facilities and their up-keep. Not only must we be concerned with securing adequate facilities, but keeping them in proper care is also very necessary.

As you know, the chapel on our campus was built by the Holt Family in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Holt. In November of last year a sister, Miss Wilmer Holt, passed from this life. People who knew Miss Wilmer Holt knew of her devoted interest in our Home for Children. Because of this interest, we received at the Home an over whelming response in memorials.

After discussing the matter with the family and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, it was decided to set up the Wilmer Holt Endowment Fund for the purpose of unkeep of the Chapel. Only the interest from the principle is to be used for the purpose of the upkeep of the Chapel.

The total amount given to date in memorials to be credited to this fund is $2,000. We are grateful to all of the many friends of Miss Wilmer Holt who have had a share in the total amount of this fund. It is the intention of the Holt family to add to this fund from time to time.

This is a good example of what gifts in memorials can do in helping with the total program of our Home. We are most happy to have this fund set up so we can be assured of funds to keep up and repair the place of worship on our campus.

Memorials are a fitting tribute to loved ones who have passed on to their rewards.

Walstein W. Snyder, Superintendent

EXCUSES

A friend of my father came for lunch one day and told a little story of his own youth in Chicago. He volunteered to work on a certain charity drive, and the first name he was given to solicit was that of one of Chicago's best-known industrialists and richest men. Admitted to the great man's office the young solicitor made his pitch and asked for a contribution of $5,000. His prospect was silent for awhile, obviously thinking hard. Then he said he was sorry he could not make a pledge, because his herd of registered Jerseys on his estate outside Chicago was not doing very well this year, and milk production was down. My father's friend in young innocence protested that this had nothing to do with the case; these cows were just a hobby. Upon which the old gentleman said, **"Look, son, when you don't want to do something, one reason is just as good as another."** (By J. Irwin Miller in "Presbyterian Life")

National C. E. Council Meeting

From January 28-30, the Christian Education Council of the United Church of Christ will be meeting at French Lick, Indiana, for their annual sessions. The Council is composed of conference personnel involved in Christian education responsibilities. From our area, Rev. G. Harold Myers, pastor of the Edgewood UCC and active member of the CEA and Board of Christian Education of the Southern Convention, and Rev. Richard N. Rinker, North Carolina Field Secretary, will attend.

At its annual meetings, the Christian Education Council provides inspirational and stimulating presentations in areas related to the educational mission of the church. National staff members brief Council delegates on latest developments in our fellowship, provide interpretive help in procedures and resource materials coming out, and keep Christian education leaders abreast of changes and needs.

Two outstanding resource leaders will serve as speakers: Dr. Allan O. Miller, Professor of Systematic Theology at Eden Seminary and Dr. Joseph Duffey, Teaching Fellow in Social Ethics at Hartford Seminary Foundation. The theme for the Council this year will be **Members One of Another In A Pluralistic Society.**

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

Christians In Isolation

Human beings approach the throne of Grace and receive God's forgiveness on an individual basis. Forgiven individuals become a part of a company of forgiven individuals making up a great company who mutually share the fellowship of God's forgiveness.

Too many of us seem to take too lightly the fellowship of the forgiven. Too many wish to be forgiven by God and isolated from others who have received the same forgiveness. Can this be?

Little Jack Horner sat in a corner, eating his pie, so as not to have to share it with others. I guess this was a case of having your pie and eating it all at the same time.

Scientists seek to isolate a virus in a laboratory setting, in order to destroy it. A part of the death process of a virus is isolation.

The New Testament raises a question about those who would approach the altar having wrong attitude or wrong conduct with a neighbor. The New Testament strongly suggests that such a person seek restoration with neighbor and then bring a gift to the altar of God.

The writers of the New Testament understood sin to be a missing of the mark and broken fellowship with God. They conceived the purpose of Jesus Christ's coming into the world as a means of restoring man's broken relationship with God. In and through Christ, each and all who had broken fellowship with God restored became then brothers, fellow laborers together in the gospel, and a part of a fellowship called "The Church". No longer were they strangers or persons in isolation. Now they had become new persons in Christ and a part of a redeemed fellowship of brothers in Christ.

Too often in times past have we sought to be Christians in isolation. Like Jack Horner, we have sat in our private corners, eating our own spiritual diet made up of our own interpretation of the Gospel, and growing spiritually anemic and steadily weaker as we ignored others of the company of believers who seemed different from us.

In our laboratory of Christian living, we have sought the essence of Christianity in our own test tubes and microscopes. We may so have predetermined what the essence of Christianity should be that we miss entirely the real essence when we see it. Perhaps our spiritual weakness is due to the fact that the essence of Christianity which we have isolated by our predetermined findings may be only the residue of our own decreasing faith. Isolation in the Christian laboratory produces spiritual death.

There are many viruses abroad in our land that need to be isolated and destroyed. The virus of prejudice plagues us and impedes our hope of Christian brotherhood. The virus of substituting rumor and half-truth for truth is a tireless virus. The virus by which we destroy another by giving him a label or tag is too often done by too many good people. The virus of rejecting the whole of a body because we dislike a part of the body is neither scientific objectivity or good Christian fair play. These are some of the viruses that need isolation in our laboratory of Christian living, so that fellowship in Christ might prevail.

Shall we take a fresh look at our local church, our Acting Association, our Acting Southern Conference, our beloved United Church of Christ, the National Council of Churches, and many other similar bodies of individual Christians and churches bound together in corporate fellowship? Shall we continue to judge the whole because we disagree with a part? Could it barely be possible that even that part with which we disagree may be made up of honorable people with Christian principles? Could it be possible that if God were asked to determine who or which is right, even we could be wrong at times?

Discussion, differences of opinion, enthusiastic commitment to a point of view, all these are indications of a healthy body of Christian individuals who make up a local church or churches banded together for mutual fellowship and a program of work. Difference of opinion on a principle is one thing, but isolation is another. Let us pray and work for the fellowship of believers in Christ, rather than gather together in our committed corners like Little Jack Horners.

Clyde L. Fields

J. H. Dollar Called To New Post

Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, former minister of the First United Church of Christ, Newport News, Virginia, will become Area Minister of the East Alabama Association of the Southeast Convention, beginning January 1, 1965. Dr. Dollar will serve on a part-time basis in the East Alabama Association, composed of some 40 churches in the area of Roanoke, Alabama. Dr. Dollar's rich experience provides an excellent background for this new assignment.

Dr. Dollar had retired after serving for many years in the Southern Convention. In preparation for retirement, he had built "The Rest Nest", at 51 Lakeview Drive, Roanoke, Alabama. He will live at his home in his new work. The Southern Convention would congratulate the East Alabama Association and Dr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Dollar on this new assignment. We wish for the Association and the Dollars every possible success in this new venture of service.

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OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION

Worship Experiences For Children

By Morris D. Pike

This 36 page booklet, published by United Church Press, contains twelve articles on worship with and for children. These articles appeared originally in **Children's Religion** magazine during 1963. Morris D. Pike is Minister of Christian Education for the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Fresh and stimulating, this booklet offers insights into possibilities for worship experiences which would do much for the stereotyped and meaningless patterns into which many church schools have fallen in their worship leadership for children. The concerns dealt with include:

Planning Worship Experiences For Children
Prayer With Children
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Music In Worship
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Praise and Thanksgiving
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Dedication

This booklet may be purchased for 50c from Central Distribution Service, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. Order by HM-CE-0564d-10M.

Children's Religion

The Beginning of Learning
Jesus As Teacher: A Basic Question
Revelation, The Gift of Knowing
What Was Learned?
But Are They Learning Religion?
The Responsibilities of Church School Workers
Worship In The Church School

And so goes the Table of Contents for the first issue of **Children's Religion** for 1965. Planned for workers with, and parents of, children, this publication regularly brings challenging and provocative reading into the churches of our denomination. It has a freshness about it which gives an aliveness to the whole calling of teaching children.

In each issue there is a section on worship. There are short plays, poetry, songs, stories which are usable in the church school classroom. Writers for this magazine are from every walk of life: housewives and mothers, public school teachers, church school workers in all kinds of churches, professionals in Christian education. The many-faceted quality of **Children's Religion** is one of its outstanding features.

Subscriptions to this fine tool may be ordered from the Division of Publication, United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Penna. 19102. A single subscription is $3.00 per year. Five or more of each issue mailed to one address are $2.50 each per year.

The Personal Gospel

By St. Elmo Nauman, Jr.

Writing an angry letter to the editor, a rabbi recently complained about an author's reference to the "God of Wrath" in the Old Testament. The rabbi said, "What about Jesus' bitter references to the Pharisees, who were honest, pious and sincere believers for the most part?"

Many people have somewhat the same reaction to the Gospel when that fateful day dawns on them and they at last understand what it is all about. The references to repentance seem remote and even comforting so long as one does not take them personally. But when one does begin to take personally the commandments to repent, to be born again, and to be forgiven, things begin to look different. When one sees that the Gospel is meant for him personally, that makes all the difference. When he sees that Jesus was telling **him** to love **his** neighbor, not simply telling his neighbor to love his neighbor's neighbor, then the light begins to dawn.

Certainly, one can go to church for many years without making this discovery that the Gospel is meant for him. But if one does go steadily, and if one does bring his mind with him, then that discovery will come one day.

When that discovery does come, that is the dangerous moment. For a person can either begin to live his life in accordance with the Gospel, or he can refuse. The way our contemporary church is set up, it makes no distinction between the one case or the other. One can refuse to accept the demands of the Gospel, saying to himself, "I am a pretty good fellow. I pay my taxes and keep my grass cut. I don't see why I have to change my way of doing things. I don't see why I need to have to repent . . . not when there are so many others worse off than I am. Let the other fellow change. When he begins to turn the other cheek, then so will I."

By so saying, a person chokes off the impulse to become a disciple of Christ. He may still be a fine upstanding member of the community. He may still be a fine church member. But that is not the same thing as becoming a Christian.

To become a Christian means to ask of Jesus, "Is it I, Lord?" It means to practice the principles of the Sermon on the Mount, to "give to him who begs", to go the second mile, to "first be reconciled to your brother", and to "love you enemies". To become a Christian means to follow Paul's ethica advice in I Corinthians 13: "Love does not insist on its ow way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice a wrong, but rejoices in the right."

To become a Christian means to change. It means specific ally to change from following "the world" to following th Christ.

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Next Week:

The Christian Sun for January 26 will emphasize YOUT

And the Week After:

The February 2 issue will be concerned with CHRISTIA VOCATIONS.

Service For The Aged

By Lee W. Rockwell

The American ideal of old age is that of the sturdily independent and self-sufficient individual who is reasonably happy and healthy, and who has a secure place in the affections and lives of relatives and neighbors.

These are the opening lines of a new booklet called PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR OLDER PERSONS, published by the Bureau of Family Services in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

In reality, of course, the definition has to be modified for a good many people. Some oldsters are more crotchety than cheerful. Those who are slightly deaf or somewhat crippled with arthritis find it a bit difficult to get around. There are those who need help in finding their glasses, or whose brush with senility sets them apart from others in the community.

But the alarming fact is that twenty percent of our older people have problems much more complex than these, and they are living alone without the protective services their conditions require. In our headlong dash to create more and more retirement centers for the aging, the Church simply has not given enough attention to those who are living marginally, or submarginally, in our own communities.

It is comforting to know that public welfare has assumed a major responsibility for our older people. Financial assistance, legal aid, minimal casework service, and some medical care are a part of public welfare's contribution to the distressed segment of our retired population. Continuing efforts to strengthen these programs deserve our understanding and support.

But the problem will not be solved by public welfare services alone. The sheer increase in the number of older people has sky-rocketed the dilemma at an alarming rate. Social mobility is separating more and more of these people from families that might have been expected to provide protection and help. Discriminatory Practices in employment are eroding the sense of personal dignity and usefulness which is essential to successful, independent living.

The sordid truth is that many older people, living within the communities our churches serve, are existing in sub-standard housing because it is all their meager assistance checks will permit. Many who have lost their wife or husband find the preparation of proper diets burdensome and meaningless, and are literally suffering from malnutrition. Thousands sit listlessly, day after day, without any sense of involvement in the stream of life that flows just outside their window. These are the people for whom enforced retirement comes as an inescapable trap. They retreat into monotonous obscurity because they believe they have been discarded, forgotten.

An unlimited opportunity confronts the Church for providing needed protective services to older people. Public welfare, with all of its efforts, cannot supply the personal reassurance, the involvement in church and community, and the maintenance of dignity and usefulness which neighbors and concerned friends are in a position to offer.

If you are interested in becoming engaged in this desperately needed ministry to older people, and would like more information on the opportunities for service, write for the P. A. Report No. 54 called PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR OLDER PERSONS. It can be obtained for twenty cents from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

Rural Life Progress In India

"The yield of the fields worked on should show the rest of the villagers without a doubt that the new methods pay."

The monsoon has finally ended and the cold season has begun. The monsoon rains this year were said to have been the heaviest in 100 years: in places 14 inches of rain were recorded in 15 hours. However, the rains brought prospects of a good rice harvest this season.

Bill Whitcomb, Director of the Rural Life Program, our new advisor for Kesingo and Doug went on a walking tour of the sub-centers in September. We went by cycle as well as walking since for parts of the trip the roads were in a good condition. However, on the last day of the trip it rained and the clay stopped up the wheels of the cycles so that we had to drag and carry them several miles and when we got to the end we were glad. In those ten days we got a good glimpse of the work that our village-level workers are doing. These workers are at the center of the extension work and are an indispensible part of the program. In one case we saw not only good but exceptional work being done. In this particular case the man in a short time has introduced compost pits in the village so that now everyone has one. I hardly recognized the village because I did not see heaps of trash in front of each house. Many farmers this past season were influenced to use better methods in planting rice and in fertilizing and weeding it. The Rural Life Program has put into the hands of each village-level worker a hand pressure sprayer, duster, and weeder. With these implements supplementing what the government has, more timely operations were done with a high degree of success. The yield of the fields worked on should show the rest of the villagers without a doubt that the new methods pay. One thing we found was some very hazy thinking on the part of some villagers that goes something like this: "If I try the new methods and increase my yield from $20.00 to $30.00 per acre then the government will increase my land tax from 15c to 25c an acre per year, and I don't want that to happen!" Fortunately, with persistent efforts some of that kind of thinking is changing. To sum up the tour, I think we can, by God's grace, say that the RLP has had some impact on the villagers this past season and the Church records further show that there has been an increased stewardship of the Christian community.

From: **Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Schneider**
India

WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL DO? . . .

Through its DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, the Council coordinates the proclaiming of the gospel overseas by 66 foreign missions boards and 37 denominations. It works with the churches in area committees, and with the churches overseas through National Christian Councils, on problems facing Christian missions in 60 countries. It assumes responsibilities for the health of missionaries while in the United States, and supplies clinical services through the Associates Mission Medical Office. It conducts a literacy program in 65 countries...

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

Thoughts About God

If someone was to walk up to you and ask: "Since God is so Great and infinite does He care for each individual?" your reply would naturally be yes.

"But why?" Think a moment, please, and try to formulate your idea. Yours is probably different from mine which is good in that it proves you are an individual.

Now that you have an outline for an answer compare yours to this one.

The first thing I see in the question is a generally accepted truth-that God is infinite. Perhaps in defining "infinite" we can find a clue to the answer.

Infinity means limitless and forever. What is in infinity? If it is limitless, then in the set of infinite universe all things in the universe must be included to establish this state termed infinity. For example: Modern mathematics says that the set of all numbers is infinite or in other words there is a number for every point on the number line (since there are an infinite number of points in a line). Therefore if it were not for the number of 2 one point on that line would not have a number./I hope you followed that example!/

The point is that perhaps a reason all individuals are important to God, who is infinite, because each of us is a part of that infinity and that it would not be infinite without us.

Perhaps? But this is just one theory. What do you think? Maybe it sounds too unpassionate. But look at it another way —God being infinite would have infinite care and perhaps the same applies here that seemed appropriate before. **Perhaps** God has care because we are part of that infinity which needs his concern.

However, we rely on FAITH in times of crisis, therefore, no matter the reason, one must say that God does care for each one of us or we would not need a conscience.

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Arlington, Va., P. F. Visits

Over Washington's Birthday Weekend, a group of young people and adults from the Rock Spring Congregational Christian Church at Arlington, Virginia, will spend time in our area visiting institutions of our fellowship. This group was the first church along the route of the 1964 Travel Seminar to provide overnight accomodations and fellowship for our young people traveling north last year.

One day will be spent in a visit to Franklinton Center at Bricks. Time will be spent visiting Duke University and the University of North Carolina on Sunday. Sunday evening, overnight accomodations will be made available by the members of the Elon College Community Church after fellowship with the youth group there. Monday morning will be spent visiting the Elon Home and the college.

This kind of exchange provides a healthy broadening of outlook and deeper appreciation for what we have and what others have to offer. It gives opportunity to serve beyond the immediate limitation of our fellowship in a significant manner.

Drama Resources Available

Recent interest in the use of drama by fellowship groups has resulted in inquiries about drama resources which are available for use by church groups. Four books in paperback form have been published which include seventeen dramatic presentations originally presented on LOOK UP AND LIVE, CBS-TV's series dealing with contemporary problems.

THE SEEKING YEARS, published in 1959, has six plays: **No Man Is An Island; A Thing Of Beauty; The Will To Win; Plenty of Rein; The Puzzle;** and **The Faith Hawker.** These are 30 minute plays excellent for older young people and adult groups. The cost is $1.50.

ARMOUR OF LIGHT, published in 1962, has four parts: **On The Rocks; The Peddler; The Speaking Foot;** and **The Wide Door.** It attempts to show that a modern youth's rebellion against the church can mean a more real faith than that of unquestioning conformity. The cost is $1.00

THE DELINQUENT, THE HIPSTER AND THE SQUARE are three one-act plays in a collection of six in this book. The other three are **The Sandpile "Human Relations"; The Sandpile "God and Prayer";** and **The Sandpile "Death".** The cost is $1.50.

IN THE PRESENCE OF DEATH includes four plays: **Till Death Do Us Part; The End of the Story; The Journal of Vera Grey;** and **Room for Death.** They are quite brief and provocative. The cost is $1.50.

These four books may be ordered from The United Church Bookstore, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. Excellent for discussion starters, fellowship programs could be planned around them using some other techniques for having participants and audience share ideas about the situations portrayed.

Visitation To Burlington

On Sunday, January 10, the Burlington First U. C. C. hosted a visitation from the conference and convention level. Gerry Oxford, North Carolina-Virginia Conference president first spoke on the organization and purposes of the conference. Then Southern Convention Vice-President Noel Allen spoke on the activities, purpose, and structure of the Convention. Support for Operation Icebreaker was solicited.

Next Gerry told about his trip to the National Youth Forum held last year in Washington, D. C.

All fellowships are urged to invite a visitation to one of their meetings so they can have a better understanding of the vast organization of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

Henderson District P. F. Rally

The Pilgrim Fellowship of the Henderson District of Eastern North Carolina will be having their winter rally on Sunday February 14, at First Congregational Christian Church in Henderson. Rev. Richard N. Rinker will speak to the group following dinner. The rally will begin at 2:30 and end following the evening program. Young people and adult leaders ar welcome! Further details will be sent to local churches.

G. Harold Myers Called To Heidelberg, Thomasville

The Reverend G. Harold Myers, currently pastor of the Edgewood United Church of Christ, Burlington, has been extended a call to serve as pastor and teacher for Heidelberg United Church of Christ, Thomasville, N. C. He has accepted and submitted his resignation at Edgewood.

Mr. Myers came to the Edgewood church in 1959. In six years this mission church has grown to 198 members, secured their own buildings and will become a self-sustaining congregation this year. Active in Christian Education work in our area, Mr. Myers has served as CEA Coordinator for the joint Christian Education groups of the three judicatories of the United Church of Christ in North Carolina. He was recently elected as Church Extension Coordinator for the Southern Conference. Nationally he has served on camps and conference consultative committees.

A native of Maryland, graduate of Catawba and Lancaster Seminary, Mr. Myers, with his wife and four children, will be leaving the Burlington area in mid-February for their new home in Thomasville.

United Church of Christ Curriculum Workshops

SECOND YEAR — SECOND SEMESTER

Sunday, January 24 (2:00-5:00) Garner, Trinity UCC
Sunday, January 24 (7:00-9:00) Concord, Trinity UCC
Sunday, January 24 — Zion Bethel Church, Portsmouth

Joint C. Ed. Boards To Meet

The committees and boards of Christian Education for the Southern Synod, Convention of the South, and Southern Convention will be meeting together at Franklinton Center at Bricks, N. C., on Thursday and Friday, February 4-5, joint planning and implementation of the Christian Education program in the Southern Conference. The total number of individuals active on these three committees is thirty-four. In the past few years, much work has been done together in the area of our educational mission.

Petals Fall

A flower buds to beautify
Undaunted by its share of time,
For it will bloom, then wilt and die;
So does this bloom, so fair, and soft
Concern itself, as petals fall—
In sorrow great for beauty lost
Or thankful for the burden lost?
Indeed the latter is not the lie
For what if nature did ordain
To have the fairest bloom remain?
Would not the color be in vain?
So mountains must have valleys too;
With life, so does the death pursue.

N. A.

Some people spend more time in trying to dodge responsibilities than would be required to fulfill them.

Reaction From Togo

"...the Kingdom of God breaking into our midst."

We have been greatly encouraged to see the program for racial justice, which grew out of the General Synod in Denver in 1963. If it were not often prophetic activity of many pastors and congregations, we would feel that our presence here in Africa as missionaries to a negro people would be complete hypocricy. It is not easy to answer people's questions when they say "Why are you in Africa when our people in America are given such unjust treatment?" But it is easier to be here thanks to the witness of our Church and we are grateful that we can speak of the work that many of you are doing as a partial justification for our missionary activity here. But we have still a long way to go as Americans to prove to the world that our Christianity is more than superficial, or our democracy more than empty words. However, we are, I think, all moving in the right direction and the experiences which many of you are making in St. Louis, or Chicago, or Boston, or Philadelphia are all crucial to the creation of the kind of atmosphere where the brotherhood of man is a clear sign of the Kingdom of God breaking into our midst.

From: **The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Hein**
Togo

COMPLETE DEDICATION

"We must tell you about the grace that God has given to the Macedonian churches. Somehow, in most difficult circumstances, their joy and the fact of being down to their last penny themselves, produced a magnificent concern for other people.

"I can guarantee that they were willing to give to the limit of their means, yes and beyond their means, without the slightest urging from me or anyone else. In fact they simply begged us to accept their gifts and so let them share the honor of supporting their brothers in Christ.

"Nor was their gift, as I must confess I had expected, a mere cash payment. Instead they made a complete dedication of themselves first to the Lord and then to us, as God's appointed ministers."

"After all, the important thing is to be willing to give as much as we can — that is what God accepts, and no one is asked to give what he has not got."

2 Corinthians 8:1-5,12
J. B. Phillips' Translation,
Macmillan Co.

MOONELON CENTER

1965 Reservations

Get'm In!

Now is the time to get in reservations for your local church groups if they are planning to visit **Moonelon** for a day or weekend retreat. In 1964 more than 40 groups made use of the facilities in addition to the regularly-scheduled camps and conferences sponsored by the Board of Christian Educatin of the Southern Convention. This represented an increase over 1963; 1965 looks as though it will be an even better year for church-group use of the Center.

Facilities at **Moonelon Center** can comfortably sleep 80 people and feed 100. Meals are prepared in our modern kitchen by highly skilled cooks who have come to be known for their chicken and country steak. The rates for the use of the Center are quite reasonable. The facilities are conducive to planning meetings, retreats, recreational outings, and just about any kind of church function requiring outdoor activities and adequate accomodations for sleeping and feeding guests.

Rate Schedule

		UCC	Others
Meals: Breakfast per person*		.75	.80
Lunch		1.00	1.25
Dinner		1.25	1.35
Cabins Overnight: per person*		1.00	1.50
Linens, blankets & pillows not supplied.			
Dining Hall & Grounds:	1-25	2.50	7.50
Not kitchen equipment; when no meals are to be served.	26-up	5.00	7.50
Swimming Pool & Showers:		5.00	7.50
Includes no other facilities.			

* Rates for meals and/or overnight cabin use also include use of swimming pool and dining hall, but not the kitchen equipment.

South Norfolk Women

South Norfolk Women's Fellowship dedicated Friendly Service gifts at its December meeting with approximately fifty members present. The devotional was led by Mrs. Lois Tegerides, first Vice-President which was scripture of the Christmas Story interspersed with singing of Christmas carols. Friendly service dedication program was led by Mrs. Norma Morris, Stewardship Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Helen Maples and Mrs. Alice Harding who emphasized packing the gifts with love and concern. Prayer of dedication was given by Mrs. Norma Morris. Our gifts were: Used clothing for Puerto Ricans; Sheets and Pillow cases for our Christian Home for Children; White Christmas gifts for our local needy families; Love Gift for Elizabeth Lester; Basket for shut-ins of each circle, and gifts for Eastern State Hospital in Williamsburg, Va.

Evelyn Tarkington told a Christmas story relevant to our times of "Four Little Angels". The angels represented the hungry one from India; diseased one from Bush Country of Africa; death from Communist China and pain from America.

Afterwards fellowship and refreshments were enjoyed in the attractively decorated social hall of the church. Mrs. Bernice Hargrove, President, presided.

Rinker Receives Certification

Rev. Richard N. Rinker, North Carolina Field Secretary for the Southern Convention and Editor of THE CHRISTIAN SUN, has been certified by a Committee of the United Church of Christ as a Minister of Christian Education, as of July 15, 1964. The Committee is composed of Dr. Mervin M. Deans, Rev. Dean L. Hodges, Dr. David W. Jewell, Miss Portia Perry, Miss Louise Drew, Mr. Loren Walters, Rev. Walter Dobler. The Committee is made up of representatives from instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ Christian Education Council, Professors in Christian Education and members of the staff of the Division of Christian Education of the Board for Homeland Ministries.

The certification is to distinguish those who have qualified to be called Ministers of Christian Education from others who work in the field of Christian Education and would be known as Directors of Christian Education, Workers in Christian Education, Associates in Christian Education, etc.

Our standards of educational training, specialized training in Christian Education, and experience in the field of Christian Education must be met by those who are certified as Ministers of Christian Education.

The Southern Convention, the Board of Christian Education, and the employed staff of the Southern Convention express congratulations to Mr. Rinker on achieving this high certification. We are grateful to Mr. Rinker for his competent leadership in the field of Christian Education and journalism.

C. F.

Regional Stewardship Meeting

The Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ, of which Dr. Sheldon E. Mackey is Executive Secretary, will hold a Regional Workshop January 18-20, in Atlanta, Georgia.

This is one of six Regional Workshops scheduled by the Stewardship Council throughout the country in January.

The projected stewardship program of the denomination in 1965 and the Every Church Visitation will be discussed. It is planned that teams of ministers and laymen would visit every church in the denomination in the fall of 1965 to stress the importance of Our Christian World Mission program and urge more support from the churches.

Rev. Karlton Johnson, Southern Regional Secretary of the Stewardship Council, will be in charge of the Atlanta meeting. Persons attending from this area will include: Dr. Banks J. Peeler, Rev. J. Taylor Stanley, Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Rev. G. Melvin Palmer, Mr. W. H. Baker, and Rev. Roy E. Leinbach, Jr.

WARWICK'S STEWARDSHIP

CONTACT, the Newsletter of the Warwick United Church of Christ, in its January issue, carried the following stewardship information:

The income for the Warwick Church for 1964 amounted to $1,951., or 10% greater than 1963. The total benevolent giving of the Warwick Church for 1964 was $1,991., or 65% greater than in 1963. Our congratulations go to Rev. Victor Hayes and the Warwick congregation for this splendid stewardship increase during 1964.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Copies Of Minutes Needed!

The Historical Society of the Southern Convention has appointed a Committee to write a history of the Southern Convention. We have many valuable documents in the Church History Room and the Elon College Library to help us in this assignment, but copies of the following minutes are badly needed:

Southern Convention printed Minutes for 1856, 1858, 1866, 1867.

Copies of the **Minutes of North Carolina and Virginia Conference** for the years of 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867.

If you have copies of these minutes which you would be willing to lend or give to the History Room, we urgently request you to do so. You can help us a great deal in the preparation of our history by making these available.

If you have copies of THE CHRISTIAN SUN from 1840 to 1930, we wish you would consider giving them to our Church History Room.

Would You Rob The Future?

AN APPEAL FOR CHURCH HISTORY ROOM

As Historian of the Convention I find that many churches are very careless about preserving their historical records. The records of our churches are priceless and cannot be replaced if lost or destroyed by fire. The History Room at Elon College, North Carolina offers a safe place for the preservation of local church histories. Also, the North Carolina State Library will make for a small cost a microfilm edition of the history of your church. Please contact Mrs. Oma Johnson, Elon College, North Carolina, if you are interested in placing the history of your church in the History Room, or if you would like to have the history of your church micro-filmed.

William T. Scott

Harry Mathis Installed

The Rev. Harry Mathis was installed as minister and teacher of the First Congregational Christian Church of Henderson on Sunday evening, January 3. Participants in the service included the Reverends Elmore M. Powell, pastor of Beulah UCC; J. Frank Apple, pastor of Fuller's Chapel and Mt. Auburn; H. N. Tucker, rector of Holy Innocents Episcopal Church; J. B. Storey, pastor of First Presbyterian Church; Dr. W. W. Leathers, pastor of First Baptist Church; W. B. Pettiway, pastor of First Methodist Church; Lowell A. Smoot, pastor of First Congregational Christian Church at Sanford and President of Eastern North Carolina Conference of the Southern Convention. This service was broadcast over the local radio station.

ON THE EDGE

On Sunday, January 24, **Hank's Chapel, Pittsboro,** will observe Youth Sunday. The entire church school and morning worship service will be in charge of the young people. The youth choir will provide the music for the morning worship under the direction of Mr. Clarence E. Clark. There are about 60 some young people in the Pilgrim Fellowship. Minister of the church is Rev. B. J. Willett.

50 girls from Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, will present a choral concert at the **Warwick United Church of Christ** January 31, at 8 P.M. A School of Missions will be held at the Warwick Church February 7, 14, 21, and 28, on the theme of "New Nations".

A Monday morning Bible Study group is held under the sponsorship of the Women's Fellowship at **The First Christian Church, Burlington;** this group is led by Mrs. Robert M. Kimball and is presently studying I and II Timothy.

Dr. Frank R. Hamilton, pastor of **The Christian Temple, Norfolk,** was guest speaker for a meeting of the Eastern Virginia United Church of Christ ministers on January 18 in Suffolk.

The Women's Guild at **Peace United Church of Christ, Greensboro,** invited the young people of the church to their January 19 meeting to hear Mr. John Brown address the group on his experiences in the Peace Corps in Morocco.

Members of the Senior Pilgrim Youth Fellowship at **Wake Chapel Christian Church (UCC), Fuquay-Varina,** are in the process of planning a thirty-minute religious drama for presentation in April at the church. The name of the drama is **Dust of the Road,** by Kenneth Sawyer Goodman.

A **Leadership Training School** will be held at Second UCC, Lexington, on January 25-28. This series is for church school workers in the area.

Rev. John Carey, a graduate student at Duke Divinity School, is the supply minister for the **Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ** for the next few weeks. The Women's Fellowship of the Church is conducting a drive to provide linens for the Home for Children.

WINDSOR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Circle F. of the Windsor Women's Fellowship emphasized **Individual Growth For The New Year** at their January 3 meeting. Also included in the meeting were devotions and Bible quiz, business matters, and a report of a highly successful fruit cake sale. Chairman of the group is Mrs. A. P. Beale. Other participants were Mrs. L. E. Holland, Mrs. Sarah Whitley, Mrs. Alma Lilly, Mrs. S. T. Holland.

OPERATION ICEBREAKER

Through January 14, the following additional groups have shared in the 1964-65 Pilgrim Fellowship Project to install permanent heating in the Moonelon Center cabins: Sanford First Jr. High P.F. (15.00); Cypress Chapel Sr. High P.F. (5.00) Remember to send your group's share to **Operation Icebreaker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C.**

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

January 4, 1965

Dear Friends:

At the writing of this letter, we are still receiving responses to our Thanksgiving-Christmas appeal. We believe that when we make a final count of the responses that it will be the best year the Home has ever had in their special appeals.

We are very grateful to everyone regardless of how little or how much they gave. The contributions came from churches, industry, businesses and individuals. All but one of these churches were of our own denomination. The one exception was the Macedonia Lutheran Church in Burlington who gave us $225. It is unusual to receive funds from churches of other denominations. The Macedonia Lutheran Church has members who are aware of the contribution that we make to the total cause of child care, especially in the local area, and for this reason so responded.

We feel that there are two contributions that we should single out coming from churches of our own denomination. One is a unique situation in that it is the only church in the Southern Convention which, for a number of years now, has given in excess of $1,000 in response to our Thanksgiving appeal. This is our Wake Chapel Church located in Fuquay Varina. Rev. Carl Dunker is the minister. This year their gift amounted to $1,176.55. We are certainly most appreciative of the fact that this church continually from year to year remembers our Home for Children in this way. The amount of this gift was not listed as such in the specials because it came through the Convention Office and thus was listed in the total amount received from the Eastern North Carolina Conference.

We were very happy of the opportunity to have our boys and girls, as well as our Assistant Superintendent, share with this church on the third Sunday in November the morning worship service. At that time, the children presented the worship service and Mr. Biggerstaff delivered the message of the morning.

The other contributions that came from one of our churches was a contribution of $300 from the Peace United Church of Christ, Greensboro, where Rev. Melvin Palmer is the pastor. This gift has been set aside to be used in our summer time recreational program. We are grateful to the fine people of this church for this assistance to our Home and its program. This will be of much help to us in our summer recreational program.

Again, we want to say thank you, not only to these particular churches, but to all the churches and individuals who have been so kind in making 1964 a very prosperous year for our Home for Children. It is our hope and prayer that 1965 will be even more prosperous!

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder

REPORT FOR JANUARY 4, 1964

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Virginia Valley Conference	$ 83.00
Eastern Virginia Conference	245.50
Eastern North Carolina Conference	25.00
Western North Carolina Conference	63.88
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	79.00
Total	$ 496.38

Special Offerings

Lynch Oil Company, Burlington, N. C.	100.00
New Hope Christian Church, Roanoke, Alabama	10.00
Mrs. Walter Bain, Burlington, N. C.	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Wicker, Burlington, N. C.	200.00
First Congregational Church, Canton Center, Conn.	28.27
Wishing Well, Cum-Park Plaza, Burlington, N. C.	23.51
The First Church of Christ, W. Hartford, Conn.	250.00
Women's Society, United Church, Walpole, Mass.	75.00
Women's Federation, First Church of Christ, Lynn, Mass.	10.00
Mrs. Gilbert Burns, Asheboro, N. C.	60.00
Miss Eunice Rush, Greensboro, N C.	25.00
First Congregational Church, Boxford, Mass.	100.00
Mrs. Vallie M. Byrd, Durham, N. C.	300.00
Women's Fellowship, St. Peter's Church, Greensboro, N. C.	8.75
Iris H. McEwen McCrary, Burlington, N. C.	300.00
Memorial Gifts:	
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bondurant, Sr.	
Mr. Oscar Chandler (5 Memorials)	
Miss Wilmer Holt 2 Memorials)	
Mrs. Eldridge Lamb	
Mr. Jim Andrews	
Total Memorials	260.00
Thanksgiving Offerings:	
Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mattison, Charlotte, N. C.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Farrell, Pittsboro, N. C.	20.00
Mr. Rolland L. Nelson, Topeka, Kansas	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Carlton, N. Wilksboro, N. C.	5.00
A Friend	1,000.00
Rollstone Congregational Church, Fitchburg, Mass.	25.00
Total	1,065.00

Christmas Offerings

Womack Electric Supply Company, Burlington, N. C.	100.00
Womack Co., Inc., Danville, Virginia	50.00
Womack Electric & Supply Co., Inc.	50.00
Women's Fellowship, West Seattle Cong. Church, Seattle, Wash.	27.06
Total	227.06
Special Offerings	582.10
Total	$3,642.69
Total for the Week	4,139.07

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE COMPLETING TAIWAN ANTI-POLIO PROGRAM

This month 211,000 children in Taiwan will get their final shots of Salk vaccine against polio through the cooperation of **Church World Service,** Taiwan Christian Service and the governor of Taiwan, who is making public health stations available so that all children can be given the vaccine.

Some of the vaccine was purchased with funds given to the **One Great Hour Of Sharing** by United States church people; the balance was donated by American pharmaceutical companies. Of an estimated 1,200,000 children under four on the island, 171,000 have already received innoculation, while 40,482 more received their second shots in December. Thousands of boys and girls in Taiwan face the new year with a greater chance of good health thanks to the concern of church people in America.

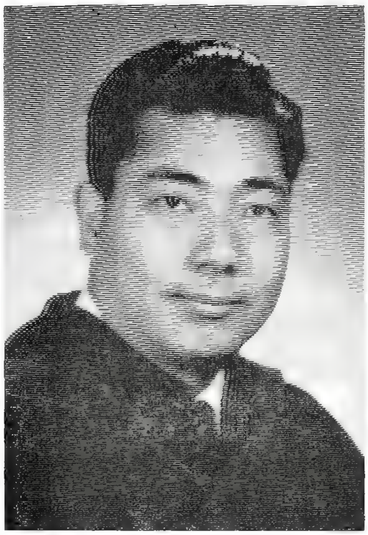
Timothy Chang To Be Ordained

Timothy Scott Chang will be ordained to the Christian Ministry at the Reformed United Church of Christ, Myerstown, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, January 24. Reverend Richard L. Jackson, Timothy's advisor in China and now Minister of the Congregational Christian Church in Durham, North Carolina, and Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Director of Church Relations for Elon College and former Superintendent of the Southern Convention, will journey to Myerstown to participate in the Service of Ordination.

It will be remembered that Timothy came to America in 1948 from our Shaowu Mission, Fukien, China, under the sponsorship of our missionaries, Reverend and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson, and through a liberal financial provision made by the Women's Fellowship of the Southern Convention. He came to enter Duke Divinity School to prepare for ministerial service in China, graduating there with the B. D. degree in 1951.

Because China was at that time overrun by the Communists, Timothy was unable to return to his homeland, but still hoping that he would eventually be able to return to China for missionary service, following graduation from Duke he was encouraged by our American Board to do graduate study in some field which would provide him a livelihood upon his return to China and which would permit him to do voluntary Christian service there. He entered North Carolina State College, where in 1952 he received a B. S. degree in Poultry Science. Continuing his studies on a work scholarship in Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, in 1953 he received a M. S. degree in Marketing and Management from that institution, and in 1957 the Ph.D. degree from Ohio State University majoring in Bacteriology and Poultry Pathology.

Timothy is now the Director of the Bacteriological Research Laboratories, Inc., a subsidiary of Rohm & Haas Company of Philadelphia. He is a life-member of the society of Sigma Xi. He is also a member of American Poultry Science Association, World Poultry Science Association, the American Society of Micro-Biology, Gamma Sigma Delta and the Rotary Club. He is the author of many scientific research articles.



The above accomplishments of Timothy are given because his many friends in the Southern Convention will rejoice at his success in the field which really was and is still an avocation. He still hopes to render full-time Christian service through the Church. Though he is working full-time in his scientific field, he is busy nearly every Sunday supplying pulpits and performing other religious services. He says, "I will be working as a non-paid worker. I'll be serving during the evenings and weekends. I have been busy in the past and I realize I'll be busier in the future, but Annabelle and I are happy in what we have been doing and we pray for God's guidance that we may be faithful to divine trust and worthy — in part at least — of all that so many have done to help and encourage us." In his local Church in Myerstown, Timothy is an Elder, a member of the Board of Christian Education, member of a special service planning committee, and assistant Sunday school teacher. He has proven such a valuable asset in Christian service that the Lebanon Valley Association of the United Church of Christ (An Association of Penn Central Conference) has recommended him for ordination. In 1951 he was licensed by the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches and has visited many of the Churches of the Southern Convention. He has been a popular worker at summer conferences at Moonelon. The Southern Convention rejoices in his ordination.

Timothy Scott Chang (Hsien -Kuan Chang) was born in Shaowu, Fukien, China on May 30, 1925. His Mother was the Principal of one of our American Board Mission Schools. He was baptized and confirmed in Shaowu Eastgate Church, Church of Christ in China (Congregational Christian Church mission district). He graduated from Fukien Shaowu Provincial Junior High School in 1939, and FCU Senior High School in 1942. He received his B. A. degree in 1946 from Fukien Christian University, Foochow, China. He taught chemistry in high school for two years before coming to the United States in 1948. When Richard and Dorothy Jackson became our missionaries in Chaowu, they immediately saw the great leadership possibilities in this fine young man, and it was with their encouragement that Timothy came to America and that the Women of the Southern Convention so generously provided funds for his training.

On November 6, 1955, Timothy was married to the former Annabelle Yee of Cleveland, Ohio, a graduate of Ohio State University and a registered dental hygienist. They have three children: Cynthia Lynn 7½, Jonathan Lee 5½, Pamela Louise 3. The Changs now live at 204 So. Railroad St., Myerstown, Pa.

Mrs. Scott and I felt that we were especially honored in having the joy and privilege of welcoming Timothy to America and in having him make our home at Elon his home during his days at Duke and North Carolina State. We were humbled and honored when upon his graduation from Duke he asked us for permission to use the name "Scott" as his middle name. Timothy is a dear, young man, deeply consecrated, and whose fidelity to the Church and his Lord is exemplary. Our prayers will join those of other friends throughout the Southern Convention for Timothy and Annabelle as Timothy takes the vows of a Christian Minister.

William T. Scott

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

MARCH 28

Division of World Service, Board For World Ministries, United Church of Christ, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

As Noisy Gongs . ..

Church steeples are often filled with bells. Some call them chimes. Others refer to them in a more genteel way by the term carillon. They're still bells! They ring, clang, dong and otherwise create noticable clamor.

Speculate, when you have some free time, on why people insist on disturbing the Sunday morning sleep of other people by ringing bells. This ought to be an invasion of privacy, legally. It may come before the courts someday, the way things seem to be going.

If it's a matter of helping wandering strangers in a community locate the church, there ought to be a better way . Perhaps Lutherans recognize a Lutheran bell-tone, or Presbyterians identify a Presbyterian beat, or some such system known, hopefully, to the wandering strangers in our midst. With modern technology being what it is, there certainly should be a better (and quieter) way!

Or could it be that this bell-ringing is the signal for ridding the minds of parishoners of all unholy thoughts - - - kind of a conditioned reflex sort of thing: ding, dong . . . think holy! Probably if this is the case a good, loud noise is needed.

The reason for bell ringing might well be far simpler. The people responsible for ringing the bells might not otherwise come to church. Some pastors are just sneaky enough to relegate this duty for the sake of increasing their attendance by one or, in the case of larger bells, two.

Then again, perhaps this is one of the satisfactions of going to church - - - the bell is an accoustical finger of accusation, temporarily replacing earthquakes and thunder. What sounds like DING DONG is really YOU'RE WRONG, implying that those whose offerings keep the bells polished are certainly RIGHTEOUS.

The possibility exists, too, that the bells are issuing an invitation. If the invitation is "Get up and come to church!" it would be interesting to know how many enemies the church has made and how many have been forever alienated from the church's bosom because of a negative reaction to this imposition into the quiet sanctity of the home on Sunday morning.

A trend toward combinations of bells, which generally creates the impression that music is being played, may or may not overcome public lethargy in responding. It will, of course, provide a vocational choice not heretofore among the top twenty in religious fields. The ecclesiastical bell-ringer could become the gadfly of the twentieth century . . . sort of a Socrates of the Steeple.

A final possibility on the reasons for ringing bells occurs sooner or later to most individuals really concerned about the matter. Ringing bells may be a reminder to the community that the church is still there in its midst. It may be the only reminder the community will ever have.

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Make me uncomfortable, O God, about what I'm doing with the mind you have given me . . . about studying too little and too sloppily . . . about memorizing facts rather than seeking Truth and Knowledge . . . about working for grades rather than for the excitement of learning.

Make me uncomfortable about my future hopes . . . about wanting college as a means toward gaining a better paying job, more security and social prestige rather than toward fulfilling your highest purpose for me.

Disturb me, O God, until I sense that my true calling as a student is . . .
To grow into the broadest, deepest, most vital person possible
To seize now this awesome opportunity for searching out wisdom
To find joy in reading and grappling and grasping
To live richly and responsibly
To do my part to help create a better world
To be constantly grateful for the capacity, and courage that are given to me . . . freely . . . by Thee. Amen.

Kay Lorans

Youth Week Issue

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them . . .
/KJ

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, when you will say, "I have no pleasure in them" . . .
/RSV

Remember your creator in the days of your vigor, before the evil days come, and the years approach of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them" . . .
/Goodspeed-Smith

Time has a remarkable way of changing our perspective. Ideals become amalgamated with reality to form a nearly Stoic-resignation veneered by the comfort of Christian belief. High standards fall in favor of attainable compromises with oneself and society's pressures. Values which had once been considered basic to dignity and significance as an individual are altered to conform more favorably with the demands of our cultural heritage and developing habits.

Youth is composed of one part idealism, one part high standards, one part values of worth, all set in a vacuum. Strange that the vacuum should be filled by an overpowering something which gradually erodes the three. An overpowering something which brings with it shallowness, compromise, and conformity.

That vacuum is where growing personal faith ought to be. Instead, for our young people, religion and the church are associated with idealism (not really realistic if one judges from the attitudes of adults), and with high moral standards (nice ethical truths which, again, adults don't regularly find usable), and with the molds of society which bend religion to forms conforming to acceptable appearences. Personal faith in God is not seen as the foundation for life, but as another element among elements which each have a niche to fill. This, too often, is what we teach by word and example in our church schools. This, regrettably is the extent to which we help young people find a basis for life . . . in shaken ideals, in lowering standards, and in the compromises of conformity. Regardless of the high-sounding phrases we train them to repeat, regardless of the pride we feel in their attendance, and regardless of the assumption we make that the church is acting and miraculously they shall be transformed, young people will become complacent and ineffective "Christian" adults burdened by a false understanding of their relationship to God and to their fellow creatures. Ideals shall continue to be perverted. High standards shall fall. Values shall twist and conform. And personal faith will not be at all uncomfortable as these things happen.

Running Scared

In a recent edition of a noted newspaper there was a very representative cartoon. The cartoon pictured a stack of magazines with the headline of the top being "The Threat of Nuclear War". Close-by was pictured a man cringed in fear behind a stack of beer cans and comic books. Seeing this cartoon brings to mind that that poor soul is not alone behind his wall of "cans and comics".

Indeed the threat of nuclear war is a great one. Such a war would endanger almost everything that means security to man. The grave imminence of this threat forces us to think about it, but at the mere thought of millions of lives being lost in seconds turns the average person away in a daze of disbelief.

Short-lived danger throws many into hiding. That is in human nature. But in the case of nuclear war there is no physical hiding place. Where can we hide?

Just as we build forts to protect our bodies, we build mental barracades to protect our minds. The escape for adults may be in drinking, pornography, or suicide. Teenagers, however, have a harder time finding their shelter. By society and tradition we cannot drink and normally do not kill ourselves. Yet today one sees teenage drinking, gangs of rebellious youths, and mob violence.

If the nuclear threat is here to stay then what can we do to save society from evolving into a mass of unreligious barbarians? The solution may lie in the youth of today. If they can be taught to understand and **face** that threat through Christianity there is hope for a better society and an answer to end the nuclear threat.

N. A.

The Gospel And Youth

The young person is keenly aware of the rich possibilities of life, provided his natural hopefulness and optimism have not been pounded out of him in the early years. And this is difficult to do. He believes that there is some great promise with this thing called life. His words, his actions, his dreams, even his rebellions against what seems to him the resignation-complex of adults, give evidence to this firm belief of his.

Right here the Christian faith meets him to say an affirmative word, a "Yes!" to his hopes. There is indeed a great promise connected with this thing called life — a greater promise than he supposes, greater than he can yet fully comprehend or ever will. There is a "weight of glory" which may not yet be revealed in its fullness for a long, long time to come. But enough of it can be made visible and concrete to appeal to his own deep conviction that life must have meaning.

The dimensions of the gospel have long proved themselves able to stir the hopeful hearts of the young. We have that great factor in our favor.

From **The Youth Ministry Manual**
By Robert D. Dewey

A large part of the work of gathering, typing, and editing this issue was done by **Noel Allen, Youth Editor.** The editor of **The Christian Sun** is appreciative of his hard work and ability.

Youth Are Important

Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Incarnation and maturation are coupled together in Jesus of Nazareth. Perhaps too many of us take lightly the importance of maturation in the life of Jesus. Maturation for Jesus was no shadow, but the real thing.

For our young people, maturation, the growing process, is both joy and agony. We often speak of growing up. However, growing up is not an automatic process like riding up an escalator.

Our youth of the twentieth century, like those of the first century, are involved in the cost and joy of growth. Growing can be a most painful experience. Growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God is no easy assignment. Physical, mental, and spiritual growth demand a disciplined commitment.

A good body is not produced by careless habits of eating and living. The youth who is careless of physical growth will not develop properly. To ignore proper rest, balanced diet, and regular habits of rest and sleep will take a toll from the youth or adult. Good athletic programs, sports activities, creative work, and proper respect for the body are marks of the sensible and growing youth. A dissipated life is a mark of a foolish youth.

Wisdom is a pearl that comes at a high price. It is worth it. The accumulation of years is not necessarily the accumulation of wisdom. It takes more than the ticking of the clock and the turning of the page of a calendar to add wisdom. Of course, maturity and experience are valuable elements in wisdom. Education, acquiring skills, listening and learning are important ingredients as the young person grows in wisdom.

Jesus grew in favor with God and man. Moral and spiritual growth are not unnatural for the modern youth. Moral and spiritual standards are no less important in the twentieth century than they were in the first century. The Ten Commandments have not been repealed for youth or adults. Morality and religion are still twin virtues for children, youth, and adults. It is neither smart nor sophisticated to look upon a right relationship with God and each other as being old fashioned and square. Ethical and spiritual growth demand a rigorous discipline. Our Lord in His experience as a growing youth did not think the price too high to pay. Many modern young people also are willing to pay the price of discipline in order to achieve a growing relationship with God and man.

We salute Christian youth! We thank God for them! We rejoice that there are many fine young people from our homes and churches who seek to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. We express our gratitude to teachers in public and Church Schools, to pastors and church officers, to dedicated parents, and to the many adults in our society who provide an example and an environment so that our young people can not only hear us speak, but see us point the way.

Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent

Elon Freshman Chosen

FOR TOURING IN ALL STUDENT BAND

Paulettte Westphal, 18 year old Elon College freshman from Hampton, Virginia, has just been chosen for membership in the nationwide "All-Student-Band, U. S. A." which will take a group of youthful musicians from all over the United States to Europe next summer for a month-long tour.

The winning of the berth with the 110-member touring group, equivalent to winning All-American rating in band activities, is the latest in a series of musical honors for Elon's music major, who graduated from Hampton High School last June.

Miss Westphal was a member of Hampton High School Symphonic Band for three years and the school's marching band for two years. She was also a member of Virginia's All-State Band and of Hampton's All-City Band in 1964. She received numerous awards from the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association for solo ensembles with ratings of excellent and superior. She was a member of the A Capella Choir at Hampton High School and was selected for membership in the All-State Choir, proving her versatility in the field of instrumental and vocal music. Here at Elon she is a member of the Elon marching and concert bands, directed by Professor Jack O. White, playing the flute, and of the Elon Choir, directed by Professor Wendell Bartholf.

James Rosser To Haw River

James L. Rosser, now a senior at Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, has been called to serve as pastor and teacher of the Haw River United Church of Christ. Mr. Rosser will graduate from Seminary in late May and plans to begin work at Haw River in mid-June. He will be ordained at the Shallow Well United Church of Christ on June 6th.

James Rosser has been active in the Southern Convention as a summer supply pastor, in Moonelon Center work, and as a student and graduate of Elon College. His return to the Convention will add much to our life and ministry.

Installation Of Dan Jones

A Service of Installation will be held for Rev. Dan Jones, pastor of the Reidsville Congregational Christian Church, on February 14, at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Jones began his ministry at the Reidsville Church January 1, 1965.

Rev. Winfred Bray, President of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, Superintendent Clyde L. Fields, Dr. W. J. Andes, Chairman of the Committee on the Ministry, NCVA Conference, Dr. John G. Truitt, Rev. K. D. Register, Rev. Lafayette T. Wilkins and Mr. Edwin Gunn will participate in the Service of Installation.

Scientific Religion And Religious Science

There was once a seventeen year old boy named John E. Gospel. The E. stood for "Everyday." This boy was the secretary of his Pilgrim Fellowship. When John was a young lad he asked his parents a type of which-came-first-the-chicken-or-the-egg question. He wanted to know who was the first person from which we came. His father, a Deacon of their church, answered him by reading the act of God's creation of Adam and Eve from the Bible. John kept this and visualized it in his mind.

As John grew, he was in contact more and more with the world affairs of scientific nature. He read of new biological and astronomical discoveries and achievements by eminent scientists. Then he was confronted in his studies of biology with the life making processes of different organisms, including the human. Remembering what his father said about Adam's creation, John came in conflict with science. He didn't try to analyze the situation; he didn't even consider compromise. He was held fast in his religious convictions.

In the same community, there lived a young man named Thomas E. Hypothesis. The E stood for "Equation." Since Tom's father was a professor of biochemistry, Tom had been subjected to the sciences at a very early age. Oh, sure; Tom went to church . . . sometimes. He even went to P.F. . . . when time permitted.

At one particular P.F. meeting that he managed to attend, he was given the program for the next meeting. The topic was the Bible's account of the creation. This being the first time that he had really read this passage, he was astonished. The next Sunday night, he gave the program, but he couldn't put himself into it. He battled with himself, not seeing any logic in the passage nor seeing how science could possibly have any bearing on the account of the creation.

These two boys knew each other; they went to school together. Their separate stories came to an abrupt halt, because their problems remain **their** problems. They never come in contact with each other.

This may seem a pity that their two definite opinions never confront each other. This contact has been going on for quite a while and shall go on for a good many years to come. Our relations in dealing with the relationship of science to religion may absorb a vast number of things. The creation is only one example of the relationship. The whole idea of science in religion encompasses many occurances in the Bible and in other Christian literature and beliefs.

With the advances of modern medicine and the proven value of many ancient remedies, how can you doubt miraculous Biblical healings? With the whole world in danger from mushroom-shaped nuclear clouds, how can you scoff at the pillar of smoke in the desert during Moses' journey out of Egypt? One may even doubt the reliability of the logical Biblical occurances, but this time archaeology steps in with discoveries of the Dead Sea Scrolls and even books of the Bible itself.

You may say that there are scientists that are complete atheists. Yes, this is true, but they make up only a fraction of a percent of all the scientists. In fact many scientists tell us that through their connection with science, their faith in God has been increased.

Oh, you have one last doubt, eh. Yes, there are many examples that remain unsolved by science, but the sciences are still uncovering new facts even as you read this paragraph. Also, you must keep in mind that there are factors referred to as postulates that are essential, but they are assumed true in science.

I now leave it to all of you John Everyday Gospels and all of you Thomas Equation Hypotheses. I also leave it to you undecideds. Why not try being a William O. Christian. The O stands for **"Objective."**

Gerry Oxford
President of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference P. F.

Burlington, First Christian P. F.

The Burlington First Church Pilgrim Fellowship has been involved in a great many activities during the first six months of the P. F. year. Led by the newly elected president, Andy Gordon, the group, while not having regular meetings, did sponsor a **recreation night** each Wednesday during the summer. The recreation facilities included four ping-pong tables, music supplied by either radio, tape recorder, or record player, and other games.

Also during the summer members of the Fellowship assisted in the **coaching of the church baseball team.** At the beginning of the summer the youth group held a **cookout** for the graduating seniors. Included in the program were speeches wishing the seniors well. Afterward they were presented Kennedy Half-dollars.

The Burlington P. F. attended a **fall retreat** held for the whole church. The Fellowship members were responsible for the entertainment of the children.

On November 15 and 22 the group attended the church sponsored **School of Missions** programs in place of their regular meetings. These programs proved to be very interesting.

To raise funds, the Burlington P. F.'ers sold refreshments at their recreation nights (cokes, cookies, etc.). They also held a small scale **car wash** at which they earned over twenty dollars.

The Christmas season was filled with activity for the Burlington Pilgrim Fellowship. On the Monday night before Christmas the fellowship went **caroling** to all the shut-ins from the church and then had a party at the home of Debbie Williams. In coordination with the other Sunday School classes the P. F. participated in **the Christmas program.** The program covered the time beginning with the prophecies of the coming of Christ to His birth.

Perhaps the most important Christmas associated project the Youth group sponsored was **giving gifts to the prisoners of the Alamance county prison farm.** For several weeks the members made decorated containers with white cans, Christmas cards, and bows for the tops. Then about forty dollars worth of gum, candy bars, hard candy, matches, and cigarettes were distributed in the containers. The first order was for one-hundred fifteen gifts; however, as Christmas neared the number was cut to ninety-five. (Perhaps a good sign!) The Burlington Church P. F. is the only group that remembers those people who perhaps should be remembered most in that time of giving. They have done this project for several years and it is well appreciated.

In the line of programs the First Church P. F. has had at least two outstanding programs. The first was inspired by news of a church-sponsored "coffee house" in California in which the "real cats" and ordained ministers met. Their meeting place was converted into a realistic **coffee house** with modern art and poetry recitations. The members tried to analyze the "off-beat" poetry rather than criticize it and then attempted to understand the modern art on display.

Another interesting program was a **Holy Hootenany** on the same line as the one previously mentioned in another issue of **The Christian Sun.**

In the planning stages is an **Easter play.** The play will describe the crucifixion of Jesus in the manner that the assassination of President Kennedy was described. This unusual program should have a great impact on the church youth.

DOUBT

—Youth, May 24, 1964, by Faith Ferre

I think doubt is necessary for faith. Faith is believing in something that can't be proved. If all things were known there would be knowledge, not faith. When a person doubts and then resolves what he believes, he strengthens his faith whether the subject of his doubt is supported or eliminated.

I have a friend who was not sure whether God existed or not. His doubt made him think. He has now reached the point where he is pretty sure that there is no God but he is still weighing the evidence. Doubting is not bad; it is a creative force that makes one think. In my friend's case the result has been negative so far, but a strong positive faith could develop.

Doubt occurs not only in religious matters but in all aspects of life. A child, thinking his parents omniscient, is disillusioned when he finds out they can make mistakes. Then he begins doubting. Perhaps some of the things he has believed to be true really are not. Or perhaps a promise is unfulfilled. Doubt grows from disappointment. Later, with help and guidance from his parents he understands the reasons behind the letdowns, and his faith in them is restored, even stronger.

A young person in the church may find himself in a similar situation. If his faith is shaken by a prayer he feels is unanswered, or by observing that God permits injustice in the world, doubts and disappointment arise in his as in the child. The solutions, however, is not so easy as that provided by understanding parents. The doubting youth can be helped in part by reading materials provided by the church or minister, but only by thinking seriously for **himself** can he gain faith through his doubts. Doubt is normal in everyone at every stage of life. Rather than being a sickness, doubt is its own cure. To doubt that which you doubt is to begin to believe! Encouragement in doubt rather than shocked disapproval helps a stronger faith to grow.

The 1965 Youth Travel Seminar

From July 18-28, nineteen young people will travel through Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, and Boston, as part of their experiences on the 1965 YOUTH TRAVEL SEMINAR. These young people will be from the churches of the Southern Convention area, and will have completed at least tenth grade.

Travel for these adventurers will be in four cars, adult-driven, under the leadership of the Rev. L. T. Wlkins, Jr., pastor of the Pleasant Hill United Church in Liberty, N. C. A reasonable limit will be placed on the number eligible to attend from each church. The total cost (meals, accomodations, and travel) will be seventy-five dollars per person. Ten dollars advance registration will be due when the registration application is sent in. Letters of reference must be written by ministers for all young people attending.

Included on the TRAVEL SEMINAR will be visits to interesting and educational spots in Washington, Philadelphia and Boston, according to tentative planning. Time will be spent at denominational and historical points of interest. Recreation and fellowship will be important aspects of the trip. Overnight accomodations will be provided largely by youth groups at local churches along the way. For example, two groups which have already extended an invitation for such overnight fellowship are those at the Horace Bushnell United Church of Christ in Hartford, Connecticut, and the Marysville-Enola Charge (UCC) at Marysville, Pennsylvania. Three nights will be spent at the Framingham Conference Center outside of Boston while the group visits the surrounding area, including Cape Cod.

Because of the popularity of this TRAVEL SEMINAR, early Registrants have an advantage. Thorough physical check-ups are a must for this experience. The group will meet at Moonelon Center for getting-acquainted time and beginning orientation. Forms for registering will be in the hands of ministers and youth leaders (whose names we have on file at the office of the Southern Convention) in two weeks. In case of an over-registration a waiting list will be kept.

Further information may be obtained by writing Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

If . . . Then . . .

My son, if thou wilt receive my words then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God."

It is a contract between father and son. It is a covenant with God. It is as sure as the rising sun, and just as beautiful and beneficient. If you have not read the Proverbs recently, then maybe you had better read them again. You will find food for the soul, and guidance for hand and heart.

The "if" . . . "if thou wilt receive my words . . .". Jesus told the rich young ruler to keep the commandments. He had, and they led hm a long way to the feet of Jesus. What he needed to do was to keep going, receiving the word! Yes, in more ways than one, "In the beginning was the Word." The young man had arrived there!

"So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom." He wanted to do just that, for it made him sad not to do so: "He went away sorrowfully." The "if" certainly puts us on the right road, and it is a fact that "wisdom", or perhaps we shall say the working of Christian conscience, will cause us to know the right and to love it, cherish it, "apply thine heart to understanding". When right, yes . . . the right at any cost becomes a joy, the battle is being won.

"If thou seekest her as silver, searchest for her as for hid treasures; thou shalt understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." How about that!

As I read the following verses I said, "The rest of it is just like coasting!' But no . . . while it is joyous to be sure, it takes continuous caring, doing and devotion, and the listening to the Holy Spirit. "He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of saints. Then thou shalt understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity (what meaningful words!) yes, every good path!" O Lord, help us truly to apply this "If . . . and then". Amen.

John G. Truitt

The above devotional article was written by Dr. John G. Truitt, well known minister in our Southern Convention. This particular piece of devotional exercise represents the 618th which Dr. Truitt has written as a personal discipline daily. Beginning with the book of Genesis, he has gone through chapter by chapter, selecting a verse from each chapter and writing a piece similar to the one above.

Such personal devotional discipline, in his words," . . . have been a joyous and enriching" experience to share his meditation with the adults and young people of our readership.

Who, How, And With What?

These statements are basically a part of the booklet, **The Youth Ministry — Questions and Answers,** written by national staff members within the Youth Ministry Department of the Board for Homeland Ministries, Division of Christian Education. Sections in parentheses are inserted by the Southern Convention staff person responsible for youth work.

I. How do you initiate the youth ministry concept in a local church? Can it be done through the existing organizations?

The person most likely to be stirred to initiate plans to implement the youth ministry is the minister of the local church. Or it might be started by the official church board as it reviews the total responsibility of the church and its mission. More probably, the Christian Education Committee, and especially the members and officers of the youth fellowship group, will raise the question about the new concepts. Hopefully, members and teachers of the senior high church school classes might also ask some questions about the youth ministry and how it can become operative in the local church.

The local church can set up a short-term self-study committee composed of both youth and adult persons who would ask such questions as these:

How do we prepare and receive teenagers into the life and membership of this congregation?

What does the church offer and expect of these teenagers after they become members?

What are some of the peculiar needs of the teenagers in this congregation and community?

How is the church ministering to these needs?

What are the various ways in which teenagers are involved in the life of the congregation? And beyond?

What are the statistics of teenage "dropouts" from church, church school, and fellowship groups?

How does the church "attract" new teenagers (not members) into the life and community of the congregation?

II. How do you prepare both youth and adults for local involvement in this youth ministry idea? What if a local church lacks imaginative and sensitive leadership?

The burden of understanding and implementing the new concept will probably fall upon the adults of the local church, who themselves must see anew the nature of the church, the high significance of church membership, and the reality of the Christian community. It is a bit unfair to expect youth to be an island of integrity while the adults maintain their business-as-usual posture.

Yet, it is valid to expect youth to seek and search for new meanings, new patterns, and new avenues for their lives. While not all teenagers will be daring enough to "rock the boat", they have fewer traditions to lose and therefore may respond more wholeheartedly to ventures of faith than many adults.

It follows, of course, that both youth and adults together must seek appropriate ways in which the youth ministry can come alive in the local congregation. If the local church lacks imaginative and sensitive leadership, then the hope is that those churches which can, will make some advances. By the experiences and progress of the more able churches, the less able churches can later be encouraged and helped. It is not claimed that the youth ministry is the only or last word in churchmanship, but it **is** grounded in the nature and mission of Christ's church. It is, at this moment, an authentic form of the mission of the local church to explore.

III. What kind of thought-provoking resources are available for the search and self-study as a church or as a youth group? Is there any kind of practical, detailed guidance?

In the first place, there is not a handbook on the youth ministry. The conviction is that such an overall denominational "directive" would deny the basic thrust which is the heart of the youth ministry. A true youth ministry is something which must emerge out of the conversations, crises, dreams, and encounters among real, live people in the local congregation, as they wrestle with the nature and mission of Christ's church. No handbook from "above" can be valid, therefore, unless the experiences of real situations are taken into account. (Such help will come when time has accumulated the experiences and discoveries at the local church level which can be useful to other church groups.)

On the other hand, all of the literature which the Division of Christian Education is producing now is intended to be consistent with the youth ministry concept. The United Church Curriculum is certainly a key resource for implementing one major aspect of the youth ministry. **The Youth Ministry Manual,** by Robert D. Dewey provides especially valuable help to churches in working out a comprehensive youth ministry. (The issues of FORUM are now providing good guidance.) The Youth section of **Church School Worker** magazine (monthly) will seek to reflect the best in understanding the youth ministry. Undoubtedly, the bi-weekly magazine **YOUTH** will continue to depict the many possibilities of these new hopes.

More pointedly, any individual or group can take a serious look right now at four pieces which deal with the subject: **The Plan For The Youth Ministry; Working Out Our Youth Ministry** (No. 11 of the High Fellowship Helps); **Significant Churchmanship** (No. 13 of the High Fellowship Helps); and **YOUTH** magazine of November 25, 1962. (These may be secured from Division of Christian Education, Youth Ministry Department, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.)

At Elon Community Church — A Possible Turnover

Recently at the Elon College Community U. C. C. Pilgrim Fellowship the adult leaders have been working on plans for a revision of their youth group. In following with several other churches the Elon P. F. may be divided into two groups instead of the original one.

Until recently the P. F. was composed of the young people from grades nine through twelve, but the group may now be divided into a middle high including grades nine and ten and a second group, the senior high, composed of youths in grades eleven and twelve.

It is hoped that by doing this the individual P. F.'ers might be able to participate more and understand more in the group's activities. By breaking the Fellowship down into less contrasting bodies as far as age goes, the discussion level can effect each member to the greatest possible extent.

To further analyze the potentialities and possibilities of such a split the parents of the youth met with the P. F. on the night of January 10. Much was gathered from the general discussion.

So, the next report from the Elon group may be in two parts!

Youth Week Emphases

CHRISTIAN TEMPLE, NORFOLK

Youth Sunday will be a special day at the Christian Temple in Norfolk. The morning worship service will be conducted entirely by the young people of the church. Presiding over the service will be Timmy Nelson of the U. S. S. Vulcan. Miss Cecelia McClannan will read the scripture lesson. Dennis Stone will offer the prayer. Miss Nettie Saied, a student at Old Dominion College, will preach the sermon. To complete this worship leadership by youth, the Misses Kathy Copeland and Ellen Smith will sing a duet. About fifty young men from the Norfolk Chapter of the Order of DeMolay will be welcomed as guests at the service.

BETHLEHEM (NANSEMOND)

The Bethlehem Pilgrim Fellowship are looking forward with much enthusiasm to their youth week activities. Following the theme, "Songs for a Small Planet", they feel that their Christian faith will be strengthened as they learn and see how religion and science are joining hands in this space and atomic age.

On Sunday, January 31, the Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship will be in charge of the morning worship service with the special music given by the Junior Choir. On Wednesday of the week, the Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship will be in charge of the mid-week prayer service.

On Sunday, February 6, the Youth Choir will give the special music for the morning worship service. Every Sunday School Class will be taught by a young person from the church. Freddie Byrd will act as Superintendent for the Sunday School.

The Youth Week Banquet will be February 7. Guests will be the young people from the Western Branch Baptist Church. The guest speaker will be the Reverend Payton Royal, pastor of the Western Branch Baptist Church.

CONGREGATIONAL U.C.C. GREENSBORO

In celebration of Youth Week, January 31st to February 7th, the Senior and Middle Highs at the Congregational UCC are planning to have a kick-off breakfast at the church on January 31st, at 8:30. At that time Mr. H. H. Jordan will speak to them on the theme topic, with special emphasis being given to study and discussion of Psalm 139.

On February 7th the young people will participate very actively in the morning worship, doing Scripture, prayers, etc. — and the Youth Choir will replace the adult choir for this Sunday.

Then during February, "Songs For a Small Planet" will be the Subject of the Pilgrim Fellowship meetings, under Mr. Jordan's leadership. Also, planned is the showing of a film dealing with science and religion as a part of this study.

As a matter of fact, the subject is so vast in scope and there is so much material available, they will most likely devote programs to it from time to time throughout the spring, as a continuing interest.

BURLINGTON FIRST CHRISTIAN

The major function of the Burlington First Pilgrim Fellowship during Youth Week will be the service on Sunday, February 6, in which the P.F. will be responsible for it in its entirety.

The service will be based on the Youth Week theme and derived from the information in the Youth Week Folder. However the members plan to do more research in the subject and offer commentary.

The sermon is to be divided into four different parts, each being taken by a different young person and spoken on for five minutes. The presentations should reveal the viewpoint of the speaker on a certain part of the theme.

Eutaw Pilgrim Fellowship Rolling Right Along!

The Eutaw United Church of Christ Youth Fellowship (Fayetteville) came back in full swing in October, after a summer vacation, by electing new and enthusiastic officers: Helen McClendon, president; Vicki Smith, vice-president; Gigi Joyner, secretary; Rebecca Hall treasurer; Eddie Riley, Sergeant-at-arms. The new counsellors were Mr. and Mrs. Henry McLaney and Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Pell.

The minister, Rev. Al Campbell, presented "What A Youth Fellowship Should Be" as the opening program and got the group off to a fine start. Later that week, the Executive Board met to plan the quarter's programs.

Let's Really Do Something was the title of the first program. This was an original skit given by Susan Pell. It brought vividly to the minds of the members that there were many things they could do to help others. It was followed by Vicki Smith who gave her personal experience and inspirations while living at the Elon Home for Children, with a special appeal to the members of the Youth Fellowship to "adopt" a child. The group voted to "adopt" a girl around nine years of age.

The following week Helen McClendon gave a presentation on **THE V.I.P.'s** and pointed out that all could be V.I.P.'s to God by rendering service to Him. The next two weeks the group studied **The Life of Paul.** Mr. S. H. Pell spoke at the first week; this was followed the second week by the boys of the Fellowship acting out skits portraying incidents in Paul's life.

The next meeting was a Pot Luck Supper and **Fellowship Hootenanny.** The Youth Fellowship presented their annual Christmas play on December 13; it was **A King In Bethlehem** directed by Phil Joyner. A bake sale sponsored by the young people was a tremendous success with the help of the women of the church. The proceeds from it were used to send flowers to the sick members and to send a birthday gift for their "adopted" girl at the Elon Home, Mary Lou Bolton, who was ten years old on January 14.

Because the families of the president and vice-president moved, it was necessary to elect new officers to fill unexpired terms. The new president is Susan Pell and the new vice-president is Elaine Wallace. Alan Broadwell presented a program about the 1964 **Youth Travel Seminar** which he attended last summer. He showed slides taken on their trip and the program proved to be of interest to all.

Rebecca Hall planned a program on **What's New About New Years?** and showed the group how to make the best of the coming year. The Executive Board has already met to plan programs for the next quarter and they find that they have many interesting and informative things awaiting them.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Band Presents Annual Concert

The Elon College Concert Band presented its third annual winter concert in Whitley Auditorium on the evening of January 15 to a large and an appreciative audience. Professor Jack O. White is the popular director of both the marching band and concert band programs on the Elon campus. The Elon Band has gained wide acclaim for its performance.

The January 15 concert included a variety program, opening with the brass section playing the stirring march "Proud Heritage," by Latham. Other featured numbers included the First and Second Movements of Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony" and "The First Suite in E Flat for Military Band," by Holst. Heights of gaity were reached in "Malaguena," by Lecuona, a lively Spanish number; and "Trumpets Ole," by Cofield, stressed the familiar Comanchero cry as its main theme. This Comanchero cry became famous last fall as the theme for the rugged Elon defensive football unit.

Also heard was "Bugler's Holiday," by Leroy Anderson, presented by a trio of trumpet players. Another crowd pleaser was "Hootnanny," by Walters, which included many favorite songs.

Members of your Elon Concert Band include Jewelle Bass, South Boston, Va.; Harold Bodenhamer, Winston-Salem; Kenneth Brown, Greensboro; Dave Carpenter, Burlington; Sandra Clayton, Arlington, Va.; Mary Coolidge, Amston, Conn.; Jerry Dillard, Cary; Al Garrison, Joe Cote, Fall River, Mass.; Wallace Hardwick, Burlington; Eddie Harris, Cary; Bob Gregory, Norfolk, Va.; Mike Griffin, Burlington; Gwen Hancock, Fairfax, Va.; Candy Hopewell, Portsmouth, Va.; Garth Hutson, Whitsett; Mike Klesmer, Newport News, Va.;

Steve King, Durham; Gary Kriel, Baltimore, Md.; Janet Lamm, Burlington; Nancy Morgan, Elon College; Alex Oliver, Suffolk, Va.; Eddie Osborne, Winston-Salem; Nancy Rogers, Oxford; Johnnie Sappenfield, Winston-Salem; Terry Sink, Winston-Salem; Ann Stegall, Henderson; Judy Stevens, West Lebanon, N. H.; Barnie Tysor, Burlington; Gail Wachter, Norfolk, Va.; Paulette Westphal, Hampton, Va.; John White, Elon College; Jay Wilkinson, Massapequa, N. Y.; Elizabeth Woolsey, Madison, N. J.; Bob Allen, Shravetown, Pa.; Dave Conrad, Alexandria, Va.; Garry Whittle, Burlington,; Helen Yoho, Durham; and Judy Seamon, Henderson.

Jennie Willis Atkinson Bradford Scholarship Fund Established

An anonymous donor has established an endowment at Elon College in memory of the late Jennie Willis Atkinson Bradford, providing a $100 scholarship each year to a worthy student in the Department of Music, according to an announcement by President J. Earl Danieley.

Jennie Willis Atkinson Bradford, the eldest daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson, of Elon College, North Carolina, was indeed a daughter of Elon and the Church. Her father was a member of the College's original faculty, long-time trustee, and a brilliant spokesman for the College vocally and through THE CHRISTIAN SUN, which he edited for many years. Her Mother was a graduate of Elon in the Class of 1895.

Growing up in the shadow of Elon and in the home of dedicated Church parents, the life of Jennie Willis Atkinson Bradford was woven into the very being of Elon and the Church. She graduated from the College in 1917; she married Russell T. Bradford of the Class of 1916; a sister — Mary D. Atkinson McCardell, graduated in 1920, and her brother — J. O. Atkinson, Jr. — in the Class of 1925. She was elected a member of the College Board of Trustees in 1936, serving for 17 years, until her death on December 31, 1953. She was a faithful member of Berea Congregational Christian Church, Driver, Virginia, where her talents freely given in music and in many other ways made her life there a great blessing. She served as President of the Eastern Virginia Conference Women's Fellowship and was a leader in the Conference and Southern Convention Women's Fellowship until her death.

The Board of Trustees of Elon College noted the passing of Mrs. Bradford in its memoirs resolution:

"Mrs Bradford grew up at Elon College, in a home where loyalty and love for the Church of Christ and for Elon, its institution for Christian higher education, were a consuming passion. She accepted as a privilege membership and responsibility on the Board of Trustees. Not only were her counsels and judgments of incalculable value; the influence of her presence and radiant personality were an inspiration and a joy. The Board records its deep appreciation of the life and service of Mrs. Bradford." Upon her death, she was succeeded to membership on the Board of Trustees, by the Honorable Russell T. Bradford.

The establishment of the JENNIE WILLIS ATKINSON BRADFORD SCHOLARSHIP is a most worthy tribute to a good, a talented, and a devoted Christian woman. Elon College will administer this fund as a sacred trust and as a memorial to Mrs. Bradford.

HISTORY OF MEDICINE DISPLAY

Students and friends of Elon College have the unusual privilege of viewing the "History of Medicine" in a series of forty-five oil paintings now on display in Alamance Building of the College. These paintings are shown under the auspices of Parke, Davis and Company, manufacturers of pharmaceutcal supplies.

This display vividly illustrates the major milestones in medicine from the dawn of civilization to the present day, and special care has been taken to portray accurately clothing, jewelry, hair styles, and other characteristics of civilization.

The general public is invited to view this medical exhibit from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday until January 28.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

January 18, 1965

Dear Friends:

My letter for the next two weeks will be in two parts. Each year we prepare for the Burlington Daily Times-News a summary of the past year's activities for their Progress Edition. I am using this material in my letter for the next two weeks to share with you our activities for the year 1964. The report is as follows.

The year 1964 has been one of progress for the Elon Home for Children. Looking at the year month by month, we find various activities taking place.

January found the Wisseman Cottage, which is now occupied by 14 older girls and eating facilities for not only these 14 girls, but the 30 boys who live in the Johnston Hall, well on the way towards completion. This building was completed and occupied the later part of April. With the addition of this cottage, the facilities of the Home were brought up the minimum standards of the State Department of Public Welfare.

In January, the Superintendent and then Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Clyde W. Rudd of Greensboro, represented the Home at the annual meeting of the Council on Health & Welfare for the United Church of Christ which met in St. Louis, Missouri.

February found the boys and girls hard at work in their studies as well as participating in various extra-curricular activities.

During this month, an extra effort was put forth to develop our foster home program. During the process of the year, we licensed two new foster homes. Those homes now licensed are Mr and Mrs. Kenneth Smart of the Altamahaw-Ossippee community and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Aiken of the Mt. Herman Church community. Both of these have proven to be excellent foster homes and have meant much to our total program during the year.

In March we had a week of in-service training program put on by Mr. Samuel R. Fudge of Chapel Hill. This is a week of training that takes place on our campus for the personnel working directly with the children. This is sponsored by the School of Social Work of the University of North Carolina as well as the Southeastern Childcare Association.

Also, during this month, our Home was represented at the Southeastern Regional Childcare Meeting taking place in Asheville by the Assistant Superintendent, John D. Biggerstaff.

One of the events that our boys and girls look forward to took place in April last year. This was their annual visit to the Greensboro War Memorial Coliseum where they were the guests of Pierce Rucker, Jr., for Holiday on Ice.

Also, in the month of April, plans were initiated for our summertime recreational program which would include the hiring of an individual to work with our children during June, July and August. Mr. James Biggerstaff, who is now a ministerial student at Elon College, was employed for this purpose.

May brought forth the conclusion of stay for four boys and girls who graduated from Western Alamance High School. They were Carolyn Turner, who is now employed by Kayser-Roth and lives in Burlington; Mike Wise, who is now employed by Motor Bearings and lives in Burlington; Helen Johnson, who was married in July of last year and is now Mrs. Jerry Beckom and lives on Route 4, Burlington and Brenda Crumpler, who is now Mrs. Stanley Wyrick and lives in Burlington.

To Be Contnued Next Week

REPORT FOR JANUARY 11, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Virginia Valley Conference	$ 105.03
Eastern Virginia Conference	402.35
Eastern North Carolina Conference	126.00
Western North Carolina Conference	102.00
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	409.36
Total	$1,144.74
Special Offerings	
Laymen's Fellowship, Asheboro Church	71.00
North State Knitting, Inc., Burlington, N. C.	85.00
Women's Fellowship, 1st Congregational Church Portland, Conn.	10.00
J. W. Scott & Co., Greensboro, N. C.	82.22
Malvin Artley, Burlington, N. C.	5.00
Cypress Chapel Christian Church, Suffolk, Va.	25.00
Wildermere Beach Congregational Church, Melford, Conn.	12.00
John W. West, Jr. Scarsdale New York	50.00
Memorial Gifts	
In memory of Dorothy Amery	
In memory of Mr. Uriah House	
In memory of Mr. Oscar Chandler (2 Memorials)	
In memory of Edith McPherson Spencer	
Total Memorials	29.00
Thanksgiving Offerings:	
Suffolk Christian Church, Suffolk, Va.	388.50
Suffolk Christian Church, Baraca Class, Suffolk, Va.	125.00
Edgewood Congregational Church School, New Haven, Conn	50.00
Orange Congregational Church, Orange, Conn.	50.00
Star Guild, N. Stamford Congregational Church, Stamford, Conn.	15.00
Bethel United Church, Burlington, N. C.	13.50
Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pelzer, Bethlehem, Conn.	5.00
Total	647.00
Special Offerings	526.19
Total	$1,542.41
Total for the Week	2,687.15

Opportunity For Two College Students At Moonelon

Two college juniors or seniors will be employed at Moonelon Center during the 1965 camp/conference season as service workers. The season will begin June 14 and end August 14.

One of the service workers will need to be a Red Cross Senior Certified Life Guard. This individual will have responsibility for the swimming pool safety and maintenance, as well as those asigned to the other worker. The salary for this person shall be $35 per week, meals, and sleeping accommodations if desired.

The other person shall be responsible, with the first person, for the cleaning of building, upkeep of supplies, dishwashing after meals, and general maintenance of the camp facilities. The salary for this person shall be $25 per week plus meals and sleeping accomodations if desired. Both service workers shall be expected to remain on the grounds from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. it they do not live at the Center.

Further details may be obtained from Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

Psalm 139

O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there s not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven; thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right.

My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned when as yet there was none of them.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee? and am I not grieved with those that rise up against thee?

I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

And see if there be any wicked ways in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

St. Mark's Y. F., Burlington

Christmas and New Year's Eve are busy times and one group that had fun being busy was the Youth Fellowship of St. Marks Reformed United Church of Christ in Burlington. On December 21 about 40 young people went caroling at the County Home, County Jail, County Prison and the homes of some of the church members. Following the singing the group returned to the fellowship hall for fun and food.

At the January 10 meeting, Ellyn Hoffman presented a particularly moving devotional service. The pastor of the church, Rev. Lawrence Leonard, showed the film, "Is There A Typical Family?" and led a discussion of it. The Junior group was led by Pam Sharpe around the subject of "Why Do I Experience Loneliness?". This group divided into "buzz" groups to talk over the subject. Refreshments and recreation followed.

The Youth Fellowship is now at work on the Youth Sunday program to be held on January 31. The young people will present the morning message and sing special selections.

Program Opportunities For Adults 1965

MISSION: THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING is the 1965-1966 theme for **Program Opportunities For Adults** being issued by the Council For Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ. This year's edition will be a supplement to the two previous editions and will be made up of new materials intended for use in addition to and alongside of materials in the previous editions.

The production schedule will make advance copies of this supplement available for presentation at Regional Meetings in February, 1965. Beginning March 1, Central Distribution Service, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102, will fill orders. The cost has not yet been announced.

Groups of laymen and women in local churches of our Southern Convention have found these tools helpful in planning and carrying out their programming. If your fellowships have not yet taken advantage of **Program Opportunities For Adults,** try them!

Franklinton Center Camps - 1965

The Rev. Judson King, Director of Franklinton Center at Bricks North Carolina has extended an invitation to the young people of the Southern Convention interested in sharing in the summer camps held at Franklinton Center in 1965.

Two camps will be held under the sponsorship of the Convention of the South: JUNIOR HIGH (grades 7-9), June 13-19; SENIOR HIGH (grades 10 and up), July 11-17. Each camp begins with supper on the first day. The cost per camper is $15.00 for each week. Registration forms may be secured by writing Rev. W. Judson King, Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C.

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Current Youth Courses In U. C. Curriculum

I BELONG (JUNIOR HIGH)

By Clyde Reid

Unit One: I Belong To A Believing Church

Session 1: What Is The Church?
Session 2: What Does The Church Believe About God?
Session 3: What Does The Church Believe About Jesus?
Session 4: What Does The Church Believe About The Bible?
Session 5: What Does The Church Believe About The Resurrection?

Unit Two: I Belong To A Worshipping Church

Session 6: Why Do We Worship As We Do?
Session 7: What Does Baptism Mean?
Session 8: What Is The Lord's Supper?
Session 9: What About Prayer?

Unit Three: I Belong To A Mission In The World

Session 10: The Church As Mission
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WARWICK STEWARDSHIP CORRECTION

In last week's issue, the income for the Warwick Church was given in error as $1,951 for 1964. The correct figure should have been $19,151. This represents a 10% increase over 1963. The benevolent giving figures, indicating a 65% increase, were correct.

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YOUTH — Make a joyful noise

The December 20 issue of YOUTH magazine, our denominational publication for young people, is a collection of personal prayers which have appeared on the back page of YOUTH over the past months. These are prayers written by youth and adults on concerns such as aloneness, humor, sports, beauty, cars, Easter, the world and others. The prayer by Kay Lorans on the cover of this issue is taken from this issue of YOUTH.

Young people may subscribe to YOUTH magazine for $3.00 a year. It makes a fine gift for some person in your church or family. Copies of this special issue can be purchased for 15c. Send orders to Division of Publication, Board for Homeland Ministries, 1505 Race. St., Philadelphia, Penna. 19102.

> As Christians we look at young people somewhat differently. They are subjects of the love of God in Jesus Christ. It is more than an understanding of the young person's physical, social, and psychological needs which we must have — it is the knowledge of who he really is, what he really seeks, how we can reach him to encourage him to be aware of and respond to the way of life which God has offered to him in his Lord.
>
> -From **The Language of Faith**
> In United Church Curriculum
> By Robert D. Dewey

NOTES FROM THE DESK

The Escape of the Tweenager

Quite frankly, when young people get to early and middle teens they begin to suspect that they're being taken. All of the Sunday School and church membership jazz sounds good maybe while they're children and at the start of youthful years. It's idealistic. They like idealism.

Sooner or later, though, the idealism falls victim to what the young people discover about the reality of the adult world into which they are growing. This Christian faith bit just isn't so for adults. Mom and Dad may say it is on Sunday mornings. They may help keep the church lawn mown and the minister paid. But it's no deeper than belonging to any other group. Too many things would be different if it were. Idealism, kids learn, doesn't wear well with adults.

What teenagers learn during much of their Sunday School lives is about as pertinent to them as their history lessons on ancient Rome or the moral code of the Hotentots. There is little that's alive for young people in what the Sunday School teacher gives out. And even when the teacher possesses deep personal conviction, chances are it gets short-circuited before it reaches the class. Either a lack of understanding for the needs of the young people, or an inability to communicate to them, or a failure to continue growing as an adult Christian . . . any of these reasons could innoculate students against firm beliefs.

The image of education in our churches suggests that Christian education stops when church membership takes place. Adults, judging from adult classes, need no further growth on a regular basis. They require only reminders at infrequent intervals that they once learned some religious things that it's nice to remember together.

It is sad, but unfortunately not unjust, to note that many adults, physically and mentally mature, remain juior highs spiritually. They stopped growing then. They stopped seeking and reaching . . . no, this is incorrect. They probably hardly ever sought or reached their spiritual growth. Here is the beginning of their present condition. They only learned the dicta and data of religion. It was less growth than conditioned response to key words.

There is a fallacy frequently promulgated which we fail to see proclaimed in the adults about us because we have no wish to; it denies what we think ought to be the case. It is that "habit" of church-attendance can be developed. We attend school more than church school, after twelve years we stop unless we continue for four years of college and stop. Why suspect that the habit of "being religious" will continue when enforcement wanes?

Few are the churches really ministering to young people: They simply have no idea of what the needs of youth are. Or if they suspect what is needed they ignore it in favor of traditional patterns handed down from generation to generation. Young people need:

(1) adults who have grown enough spiritually to successfully relate Christian idealism with citizenship in today's world
(2) leaders who themselves are continuing to grow and have a willingness to develop abilities to witness to a vital faith
(3) an image of Christian education which encourages life-long participation in Christian nurture by relating faith to life in significant ways
(4) the removal of the compartmental idea of religion and the firm planting of faith as the basis for all of life
(5) not a habit to be religious but a desire to share in a community of faith which takes its relationshhip to God seriously.

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WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God . . . except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

/KJ

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God . . . unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

/RSV

Believe Me, a man cannot even see the Kingdom of God without being born over again . . . unless a man is born from water and from spirit he cannot get into the Kingdom of God.

/Phillips

In his conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus takes the recognition and attainment of the kingdom of God as the highest goal of man. Two requisites for achieving these goals are a rebirth and a re-establishment of man's right relationship to God.

It is a responsibility of full-time Christian servants to encourage and help provide an environment for being born again. It is a task of the church to nurture in fellowship and love all individuals to the end that they might grow in relationship to God and, through the influence of God's Spirit, regain redemptively their place as sons of God in the fullest sense of the phrase.

Both the minister and the whole church, accordingly, must be engaged in witnessing to the inclusiveness of the gospel. Both, working together as the church, must be able to show the importance and relevancy of the gospel to every person, regardless of condition, situation or cultural factors.

To accomplish this task, there must be a trained and well-educated ministry who, in turn, can offer leadership and educate the whole church to the needs which must be met and possible ways for meeting them effectively. Full-time Christian servants need all of the help they can get to discover who people are, why they are what they are, and how they may be encouraged to open their lives to the process of rebirth offered by God.

Such help can be provided through a carefully planned, well-balanced, broadly inclusive opportunity for personal growth. This is best afforded by a four-year college or university program offering a range of stimulating and instructional guidance, followed by three years of demanding seminary work to sharpen the focus of the prospective full-time servant and develop his abilities in specialized fields.

No education guarantees that the individuals educated will himself be reborn or highly successful at encouraging others to seek rebirth in Christ Jesus. Similarly, no amount of education guarantees that a doctor will be healthy himself or be successful in curing a particular case of illness. However, the individual who has devoted years of his life in committed study (and continues growing through personal discipline after formal education has ended) is better equipt to understand the needs and deal with them significantly. God works best through trained hands and minds, whether a doctor's or a minister's, or any other kind.

THE CALL

What is a "call"? Perhaps no other theological word has been such a source of misunderstanding or has had such a wide variety of interpretations. Most Christians believe that every occupation can be a calling — a vocation under God — and that every station in life must be considered our opportunity in the service of God and man.

The process by which one decides to enter full-time Christian service is neither magical nor exotic. For most it is the result of ups and downs of doubt and faith, confidence and fear . . usually over a long period of time.

But for some it may be specific and dramatic. "I felt an inward voice telling me to prepare myself for work in the church." Or, "I came home from that conference convinced that I must go to seminary." A calling can thus be specific and real.

However, others find that it is a long and subtle process related to study, discussion, prayer, counseling, along with a feeling of involvement in situtations of human need.

- From **Should I Consider The Ministry?**
Department of the Ministry, NCC

Christian Vocation

A Filmstrip Series

These four filmstrips in color and with 33 1/3 records, script and use guide, were published by the Department of the Ministry of the National Council of Churches. They are available for loan from the Audio-visual Office of the Southern Convention, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244. There is no charge for using them; return postage is paid by the user.

These filmstrips present these emphases: to present all of life as a trust from God, and lifework, in particular as a primary means of Christian witness; to open up the vastness of the world of work to senior high students and introduce them to factual information about occupations; to suggest ways in which the student can explore his own potentials in the world of work by using a system of job classification; to present to the student his responsibility to make a vocational decision based on his God-given potentials; to present ministerial leadership within the church as a legitimate vocational option and to assist students and adults to understand what the church vocations are and what they mean vocationally; to enable Christian senior high youth and parents to understand the role of the family in vocational decision; to enable youth to gain an understanding of the concern parents have and to enable parents to have insight into the problems youth face in making vocational decisions today.

Help Wanted!

A recent circular from the Board for World Ministries called attention to the desperate need for specialized personnel for the overseas mission of the United Church. Established congregations and new mission congregations need pastors. Campus Ministry, Church Councils, Ministers of Music and Christian Education, Church Related Vocations of many kinds are constantly seeking trained and dedicated people for full time church related professional work. Our Southern Convention now could use 6 full time ministers to fill vacancies.

Where shall the church find these persons so desperately needed? What are the requirments for service? What are the rewards?

The Church looks to the home as the primary source of supply for the personnel needed for full time church related vocations. Young people with high ideals, alert minds, talent, training, and life commitment await the challenge. Is the home providing the right kind of climate in which a favorable decision can be made? Is the Church and the Ministry held in the highest respect and made a part of concern in the home?

Full time church related vocations demand the service of our best youth. This is no field for those who have nothing else to do. Christ and the Church has a right to make use of the services of our committed, intelligent, dedicated and idealistic young people. Give God first place in your life career choice. The rewards for full time church related vocations consist in both tangible and intangible returns. Seldom does a career in this field bring the same salary and security benefits to be found in some of the more glamorous secular fields. However, salaries and fringe benefits are usually in keeping with basic needs, and the church at large is learning how to be more considerate of the needs of her full time workers. Faithful service for the church increasingly merits favorable financial consideration from the finance structure of the church for her full time workers.

The rewards for full time church related vocations are rich in the intangibles that salary benefits cannot give. At this point, I am writing from experience and not from theory. The spiritual satisfaction is being a co-laborer together with God in the ministry of reconciliation is most rewarding. To be privileged to be included in the fellowship of those who have served at the call of Christ brings a satisfaction that no material resources can give or buy. To have been sought of Christ, first to be a Christian, and then to be a full time servant and be paid for doing same, is an honor and a high privilege. To be found worthy, even in such a small way, to have been called of God to serve him as a minister has filled my days with unbounding joy and inexpressible gratitude.

This is the reward I wish for you.

Could it be that every home and every church in the Southern Convention have a life enlistment day or days when God will have first claim on the life and vocation of our Christ-committed and highly intelligent young people?

Clyde L. Fields

There are a few extra copies of last week's **YOUTH WEEK** issue and this **CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS** issue of **The Christian Sun** available from Box 336, Elon College, N. C. for 10c per single copy or three for 25c. Use them for your youth group or give them to young people in your church as helpful resources.

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

It Could Not Happen Here

Many of us have read of bombings in connection with Civil Rights in places like Birmingham. We have deplored irresponsible acts of violence and flagrant violation of law and decency on both sides of the civil rights controversy. Many of us have felt that North Carolina and Virginia have made progress and acted in a moderate manner in this most important issue of our generation. We thought such things as bombings could not happen here in our beloved states of N. C. and Va. However, some irresponsible person, or persons, have thrown sticks of dynamite in New Bern, North Carolina, and shattered the illusion that "this could not happen here."

I write this not as the Superintendent of the Southern Convention but as a Christian and a native born North Carolinian. I deplore the use of such violence and unchristian acts as that which occurred at New Bern and other places. I deplore the use of violence and flaunting of the laws of decency and respect for persons when used by any person or group in the name of a position on either side of the civil rights issue. Basic respect for persons and a willingness to seek justice should mark every man who claims citizenship in our great States of North Carolina and Virginia and especially citizenship in the Kingdom of God.

I am sure that many will join me in supporting the law enforcement officers of New Bern who seek to bring to justice the person or persons who are responsible for the cowardly act of bombing in that city.

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The Fifth General Synod of the United Church of Christ will meet at the Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois, beginning Wednesday, June 30, 1965, and continuing through Wednesday, July 7th.

Delegates to the Fifth General Synod were elected by the Southern Convention in the April meeting at Greensboro, North Carolina.

IN MEMORIAM — REV. GEORGE M. TALLY

Rev. George M. Tally, age 74, of Sanford, N. C., died on January 22, 1965, at the Lee County Hospital, Sanford, N. C. Funeral services were held at the Miller Funeral Home in Sanford. Ministers assisting in the services included: Rev. Edward Sessoms, Rev. Clay Farrell, Rev. Clarence Low, and Dr. W. T. Scott. Burial was in Carbonton Methodist Church Cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Tally were two sons and a daughter. One of the sons, Rev. R. Eugene Tally, is pastor of the Third Avenue Christian Church, at Danville, Virginia.

Rev. Mr. Tally had served a number of churches in the Eastern North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences, and was an active pastor at the time of his death, serving as pastor at Mt. Carmel, Mt. Hermon, and Pleasant Hill Churches. The Southern Convention expresses appreciation for the splendid ministerial services of Rev. George M. Tally. We are the better because he lived and worked among us.

A host of friends and ministerial comrades were present for the funeral service. Some 20 ministers acted as honorary pall bearers for the funeral service.

Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent

Freshman At Elon

First Impressions

By Betsy Jones

Past President Southern Convention P. F.

"First impressions are lasting impressions." How many times have we heard this trite expression? Perhaps it is valid; perhaps it is not. It is, though, my opinion that "first impressions **are** lasting impressions."

Many factors are involved in the reason I decided to attend Elon. First, and perhaps most important, is my wish to attend a United Church of Christ school. I guess I felt that I would feel more at ease in a religiously backed school of our church. Second, Elon (I heard) provided a stimulus for being part of one big family. This is true because its student body is less than 1200 members. And third, Elon was close to home (the dirty clothes sure do pile up!).

The impression which prevailed most in my mind was its friendly atmosphere. It is to me the most important, so I dwell on this subject throughout this article.

The first day I arrived, there were persons greeting me and welcoming me to the campus. I already felt right at home. All of the upperclassmen who assist with freshmen orientation were all so friendly and helpful.

The first night I felt very strange, for it seemed as if I were the little short girl in room 219 trying to get all my clothes into one closet. Sure enough there was one of the counselors showing me how to get the most out of the space in the closet. It was then that I began to hear about which teachers "not to get" and what courses to take. The "wise" sophomores are forever telling you how it was the year before. That first night was a night to remember!

As I "cased" the halls of the West Dorm, I found some people I already knew. (Believe me, there were many I had never met!) I became acquainted with several girls who had attended 1963 Tar Heel Girl's State. One person I was particularly interested in talking to was a girl I had met in Atlanta, Georgia, when I attended the National Youth Forum (UCC). Boy! did we have things to talk about!!!

As the days passed and the classes began, I was forever haunted with the fear that I did not know anyone. As I walked down the halls, everyone said, "Hi!" A little word like that made me feel a part. It seemed as though the students always were friendly to the freshmen.

The student-faculty relationship was that of friendliness, too. The faculty tried to help in any way they could. When I met with my faculty advisor, she told me to come see her anytime I felt like talking. "The house was always open," she said. Gosh! how I felt at ease!

"Make the most out of college." I found out it is yourself who determines how you will get along in college. You have to be active in student affairs or the school will be dull. You not only have to be active in extracurricular activities, but active in hard study. It is difficult but a "little hard work never hurt anyone".

WANT A GOOD SCHOOL? Plenty of fun, plenty of work, lots of friendly people, lots of concerned teachers! Why not investigate then invest in E-L-O-N?

In Quest Of My Vocation

By Fern Babcock Grant

The summer course for senior highs in the United Church Curriculum will be "In Quest Of My Vocation". The prospectus of this course details the concerns as follows:

> "Centering upon the meaning of Christian vocation, this course is designed to help young people accomplish the following: learn the meaning of and develop a sense of Christian vocation; consider life and all possessions as gifts of God to be used to serve Him and their fellowmen in work, in leisure, and in every phase of life; give careful thought to the choice of a lifework, and prepare for that lifework to the best of their ability."

This will be an invaluable tool for local churches whether they have been using the United Church Curriculum or not. It indicates the high purpose and vitality of the new teaching materials, and the scope with which they seek to apply the gospel of our Lord in life today. Of the three major weaknesses in our church school teaching (education in worship, education in a Christian perspective on sex, and education for vocation), a basic understanding of vocation is perhaps taken most for granted and ignored.

I Want To Do What's Right!

I know that life is not without meaning and purpose;
I know that truth is often made fuzzy
By my own selfishness, confusion and inexperience;
I know that I cannot avoid making decisions,
For by my very indecision I have chosen a way.

I cannot escape answering —
What is the purpose of it all?
What is right?
What shall be my way?

It's only when I'm not myself —
Filled with hate and empty of hope —
That I do what I know is wrong.

And so, I turn to you, O God.
As Creator, Lord of History, and my Father,
Your way is the way of truth, justice and love.
You have spoken to men through the ages;
I pray now that I may hear you, also.

Help me to know you, O God.
May your love sustain me
In moments of loneliness and despair;
May your truth cleanse my mind
And make me reach;
May faith in your way
Overcome my doubts and fears.

My hope is in you, O God.

/Youth, Nov. 8, 1964

I, who have never really suffered or sacrificed, pray that I may become painfully aware of my brother's great need until I have reached out with honest help.

—Youth Magazine

Ode To A Senior

The senior year of high school is a blessed bruise. In all of the senior class activities, games, club duties, exams, and the prom one's mind can be easily trampled into a weary daze — a half realization that this is the last year in a series of twelve, so make the best of it!

Quite in contrast is the frantic question of "where to go from here?" The guidance office tells you to go to college — higher education for a higher job. (In most cases) Many of the other guys are going to college, some of whom cannot be appreciated just seeing them at school, and even less living with them as it may well happen! This decision is either premade for us seniors or we have to struggle through it alone. Money, the thin thread dividing "college, yes" and "college, no", is mostly a psycological factor because if the senior wanted a college education money would be a background problem if he planned ahead.

But what is to say that one should go to college? After all, it is easy to get a job after graduation, they say, and besides the four years' head start you would have should compensate for any earnings lost by going to college (not counting the college expenses). And yet it leaves one wondering if life is that simple — that to get the money, no matter how so long as it is honest, is the object of perhaps sixty years and several million heart beats. Maybe it would be nice to be a little smarter before the big step into gross reality.

So the senior should go to college for education, money, and "plus four on freedom from oppression". The guidance office says that college courses are very diversified and one should soon decide his future occupation and field. Man! Another question! Let's go back to "college, no". Then any, or almost any, job would have been suitable for that less complicated taste. No! College it is!

Now back to the question at hand. They say that business is the number one career. With all the experience to be gotten in the field of mathematics, bookkeeping, typing, and the rest how could one miss by being interested in business administration. There is a good size share of money in that field. Money? Why always money? Maybe the world is shaped like a dollar sign but why should a senior be "of money by money and for money"?

Science is a very interesting field and very worthwhile. There is a growing field with an endless supply of vitamins. To think of making great discoveries in physics, medicine or space is thrilling by itself without actually doing it. The mysteries of science are challenging enough for anyone, maybe.

But maybe, just maybe, understanding a rock does not present the challenge of understanding a disturbed person, of helping a juvenile delinquent, or spreading faith for a terrified world.

Maybe being a preacher is the answer to an outside beckoning or an inner calling and the proper challenge. Money is no problem if one wants to enter the ministry if he really **wants** to preach mainly because the dollar sign is a product of mankind, good or bad, and is there for the good and evil of the church but not the preacher. (Hopefully)

"But who wants to be involved in church work," the other guys laugh. The preacher just preaches good and anyone with a good vocabulary can do that, they say. So one goes to college for a higher education and lower pay! Money? Why care about money?

Maybe money does mean something after all. You hear it all the time. Besides, a business man, scientist, doctor, lawyer, baker, and Indian chief can do good for others and be Christians. What would preachers be for if there were no business men, scientists, etc.?

Does "Christian vocations" have to mean being a preacher, missionary, or Sunday school teacher? Maybe a Christian vocation can also be one in which work is done toward the betterment of humanity.

Many seniors, in fact most seniors, could not work very well as preachers or missionaries anyway. Of course that is true and also as true, the scientists and business men of today are very important to everyone's livelihood.

But as a senior one must weigh the pros and cons of entering a Christian vocation personally, finding his most important role and playing it his best.

The opportunities are many and varied and too often limited to the overbearing term of preacher which hides countless diversification in the field of Christianity. There are leaders in the church organization, those who work in the depths of theology, those who work with youth, and those who help the needy spiritually and bodily. These are a few.

The fact remains that a Christian vocation cannot only be sold to a senior, it must be bought by faith, desire, and challenge. That may be the difference between a Christian vocation and a job.

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Christian Vocation Resources

The resources noted here are by no means comprehensive. From time to time new ones come out; some are reprints of particularly helpful pieces. Young people can secure copies free or for a very small charge as noted. Ministers and concerned laymen would do well to get a supply for use as opportunities present themselves.

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ON THE EDGE

On January 24, the **Congregational Church of Christ, Tryon,** shared in a pulpit exchange with Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist and Presbyterian churches of the area. Rev. Frank Cook, minister of the Methodist Church at Tryon preached at the Congregational Church while Rev. William Stevenson preached at the Methodist Church.

Jerry Moore, a ministerial student from Elon College, was the guest speaker at **Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ** January 24, at 11:00 A.M. Mr. Moore is a junior at Elon College.

January 13 was Ladies Night at the **United Congregational Christian Church of Portsmouth.** Dr. H. S. Hardcastle was fellowship leader and installed the new officers for 1965.

Beginning in mid-January, the **Trinity United Church of Christ, Garner,** will be having Family Nights on alternate Wednesday evenings. Something for every member of the family is planned.

The Young Adult Class of the **Northview United Church of Christ, Sanford,** has divided into two groups. The group having poorest attendance at class meetings will be providing a supper for the other group.

The Franklin High School choir sang at the morning worship service on Youth Sunday at the **Congregational Christian Church (UCC), Franklin.** Young people were responsible for the service.

The Reverend Sterling Whitener spoke to the Churchmen's Fellowship of **Peace United Church of Christ, Greensboro,** January 18. Mr. Whitener is currently on leave from mission work in Hong Kong.

Following the special youth-led service of worship on February 7, at **Liberty Spring Christian Church, Suffolk,** a dinner was provided for all junior high and senior high young people of the church.

The Rev. Sterling Whitner spoke to the Women's Fellowship at **First Christian Church, Burlington,** on February 1. Mr. Whitener is a United Church of Christ missionary to Hong Kong on leave for study. All members of the church were invited to this special program.

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S. C. LEADERS TO NATIONAL MEETING

Rev. Lawrence A. Leonard, Dr. W. W. Snyder, and Clyde W. Rudd attended a meeting of the **Council for Health and Welfare,** in Chicago, Ill., last week. Mr. Leonard is Southern Conference Coordinator for Health and Welfare, and Mr. Snyder is a member of the Executive Committee of the Council.

The former E. & R. denomination has an enviable record in health and welfare institutions. One of the large hospitals supported by the former E. & R. Church and now the United Church of Christ is the **Deaconess Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri.** This hospital has 358 beds and provided 125,943 patient days of service to the sick during 1964. The hospital has 320 doctors on its medical staff and 750 hospital employees. The Southern Convention salutes this hospital and many other institutions of health and healing supported by the United Church of Christ.

DANIELEY TO LEAD WORKSHOP

On February 14, **Dr. J. Earl Danieley** will be at **Bethlehem (Nansemond) Church near Suffolk** to conduct a training session on Parliamentary Law. The workshop will begin at 3:00 and conclude at 5:30. Registration will be 25c and everyone is invited to attend. It will help leaders and followers in gaining an understanding for proper procedure in conducting meetings.

ANTARTIC PROGRAM FOR PEACE Y. F.

The Youth Fellowship at Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro extended an invitation to the members of the church to join with them on January 17th to hear Mr. David S. Greene, a reporter for the Greensboro Daily News, present a slide program on his recent trip to the Antarctic. Supper was served for the young people prior to this program by one of the circles of the Women's Fellowship in the church.

M.O.R.E.

MISSION
ON
RENEWAL
AND EVANGELISM

Churches are now being enrolled for the Mission on Renewal and Evangelism (M.O.R.E.), to be held in the area of the Southern Conference, beginning March 3, 1965. This is a full year's program of deep level evangelism in which every church may and should participate. Enrollment forms have been mailed to every church and should be returned immediately. Pastors and appropriate Committees of local churches should consider this matter most seriously and join in this search for renewal.

As a part of the Mission on Renewal and Evangelism, the week of October 4-10th will be observed as Mission Week, in which a guest missioner will lead in public service of evangelism. A large mass rally will be held in several areas on October 10th at 7:30 P.M. as a part of the Mission Week.

The church has been under criticism in many quarters. The need for deep level examination is apparent. Too much attention is given to periphery matters rather than the central task of the Church. M.O.R.E. offers the local church a grand opportunity to discover the real mission and purpose of the church.

Dr. Oliver Powell At Tryon

Dr. Oliver Powell, minister of the First Congregational Church of Oak Park, Illinois, will be the guest of the Congregational Church of Christ at Tryon over the weekend of **February 26-28,** under the sponsorship of the Board of Christian Education of the church.

Dr. Powell will be the speaker for the **Family Night Supper** on the 26th. On Saturday, the 27th, he will lead two discussion groups for all church members. At the morning worship service on Sunday he will preach following the general theme for the entire weekend, **What It Means To Be A Christian.**

In his recent book, **The Household of Power,** Dr. Powell offers an unusually thoughtful and perceptive analysis of the task and testing of the church in our time. In **Seed And Soil,** he seeks to "build bridges across the gulf between intelligent, dedicated people inside the church and equally sincere, intelligent people outside it." Dr. Powell has also written church school courses which have received wide usage.

WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL DO? . . .

Through its DIVISION OF HOME MISSIONS, the Council works to met the changing needs of urban and rural churches; maintains a church building consultation service; has programs for agricultural migrants and Indians; provides a clearing house of information and experience for home missions institutions; assists member boards and agencies in recruitment of missionary personnel; cooperates in a National Parks Ministry...

Elon Church Ends Fine Year

The Elon College Community Church has just completed a successful year under the leadership of Dr. W. J. Andes, pastor. The Church raised a total of $21,618.41 on Current Expenses and Benevolences, plus $15,473.68 on the Building Fund indebtedness. Indebtedness on the sanctuary and new parsonage have been reduced to approximately $51,000.00. It has been announced that Mrs. Helen Cannon of Burlington, N. C., has given new handrails for the entrance to the church sanctuary, in memory of Professor and Mrs. J. W. Barney, whose lives and influence have meant so much to the many students of Elon College and to the Elon College Community at large.

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Southern Christian Social Action Institute
Lake Byrd Lodge, Avon Park, Florida

Issues Concerning The Church

The What, Why, and How of Social Action

February 8-10

Leaders: Miss Elizabeth Johns, Dr. Herman Reissig (national CCSA staff)

Purposes: To come together

- — to face issues confronting us in the perspective of faith
- — to consider what social action is all about and how we can reorganize more effectively in the churches
- — to prepare for effective witness and action in our communities

Cost: $17.00. Send registrations to **Dr. Arthur L. Teikmanis, 225 Interlachen Avenue South, Winter Park, Fla.**

THE 1965

LAYMEN'S RALLY

of the

Southern Convention
Churchmen's Fellowship

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Registration Begins At 2:00

ELON COLLEGE

Whitley Memorial Auditorium

WORSHIP

SPECIAL MUSIC

PANEL:

THE CHURCHMEN'S
FELLOWSHIP: AN INVENTORY

PLUS

AN OUTSTANDING
GUEST SPEAKER

$1.75 Including Banquet (Special Buffet)

Franklinton Center Board Of Trustees Meeting

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Franklinton Center, Bricks, North Carolina, was held January 11-12. Dr. Wr. T. Scott completed a three-year term as Chairman of the Board and was succeeded by Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Superintendent of the Southeast Convention, Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. F. C. Lester was elected Secretary. Other members of the Board from the Southern Convention include Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Mrs. W. B. Williams, and Reverend Carl E. Wallace.

Franklinton Center is a service center for retreats, institutes, and youth conferences of the United Church of Christ. In 1953, Franklinton Center, located at the site of the old Franklinton Christian College, Franklinton, North Carolina, was relocated at Bricks, North Carolina, on the spacious grounds of Bricks Rural Life School, formerly operated by the American Missionary Association. The Bricks School was begun in 1890 as Bricks Agricultural, Industrial, and Normal School, and Franklinton Christian College was begun in 1891 by the American Christian Convention. The late Dr. J. O. Atkinson and the late Dr. Robert Lee House were champions of the cause of Franklinton Christian College for years. Negro leaders of recent years included Rev. J. A. Henderson, Rev. S. A. Howell, and others. Reverend W. Judson King, for many years associated in work among our churches and schools, is the able President and leader of our program at Franklinton Center. Currently, the Board of Trustees is sponsoring the erection of a badly needed new dining hall facility at a cost of approximately $75,000.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

MARCH 11 — FOUNDERS' DAY

Dr. R. H. Hueneman To Speak

Dr. R. H. Hueneman, eminent minister and president of the United Theological Seminary in Minnesota will be the guest speaker at the annual Elon College Founders' Day program, which will be held on the Elon campus on Thursday, March 11th. His acceptance of the invitation to come to Elon at that time was announced today by Dr. J. E. Danieley, Elon's president.

Dr. Hueneman, who has served pastorates in Wisconsin, California and Missouri prior to becoming president of the new United Theological Seminary in Minnesota's twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul in 1960, has been directing development of the new seminary's campus and has already taken the lead in erection of a library, administration building, classroom and chapel facilities, twelve faculty homes and twenty student apartments.

The new institution was formed by the union of Mission House Seminary in Plymouth, Wis., and the Yankton School of Theology, S. D. It is operated under the auspices of the United Church of Christ, which was itself formed by uniting the Congregational Christian Churches with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Dr. Hueneman, who is now a member of the Theological Commission of the United Church of Christ has previously served as moderator of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and was president of the California Synod of that denomination.

He had his undergraduate training at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and his divinity work at the Mission House Seminary, followed by graduate training at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif. He holds honorary degrees from Franklin and Marshall College in Pennsylvania and Heidelberg College in Ohio.

Noted French Scholar Speaks On Medieval Life

Dr. Urban T. Holmes, Kenan Professor of French at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, spoke on "Medieval Daily Life" in Mooney Chapel on the Elon campus recently, appearing under the Visiting Scholars Program of the Piedmont University Center.

Dr. Holmes began his teaching career at the University of Missouri in 1923, but he joined the University of North Carolina faculty at Chapel Hill in 1925 and has been there ever since, except for two years during World War II.

The guest speaker is the editor and author of numerous works on French language studies, including "A History of the French Language," "Source Book for French Language," and "History of Old French Literature." He has written numerous articles for professional magazines in his field.

SOUTHERN CONVENTION CHURCHMAN ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR VIRGINIA GOVERNORSHIP

The Honorable Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Chuckatuck, Virginia, has announced his candidacy for the governorship of Virginia in the democratic primary which will be held next July. Mr. Godwin is an honored member of the Board of Trustees of Elon College, and is a loyal member and deacon of the Oakland Chrstian Church, Chuckatuck. He is a popular teacher of a large class of men in his Church, and in his busy life of being an attorney and a leader in Virginia politics, he always finds time to take his place in the life of his local Church. His support of his pastor is always a strength. We wish for him success in his candidacy.

PFEIFFER PLAYMAKERS

The Pfeiffer Play-Makers of Pfeiffer College located at Misenheimer, N. C., presented Edgar Lee Masters' "Spoon River Anthology" to a large and appreciative audience at Elon College on January 13. A visit to Elon was a part of a week's tour to several colleges in North Carolina and by the Pfeiffer Play-makers.

MID-YEAR EXAMS HELD

The fall semester examinations for Elon College students were held January 20 through the 27th. This examination period brought to a close the fall term, and the second semester will begin Tuesday, February 2. The enrollment in the second semester is expected to reach the maximum of both dormitory and classroom facilities.

Thanks To Elon Singers

On December 13, at Virgilina Union United Church of Christ, the Elon College Singers presented part of Handel's **Messiah** at the 11:00 worship service. In a letter received by **The Christian Sun,** word from the church is that "Our church would like to express our thanks to each of the singers and especially to the director, Mr. Wendell Bartholf, for this excellent performance."

Following the presentation, a buffet lunch was served to the company in the assembly hall by the ladies of the church. Several teenage girls of the church helped serve and had the pleasure of meeting some of the singers.

During January, Dr. John G. Truitt is supplying the pulpit at the church while they await the arrival of their new pastor, Rev. Mac Welch; Mr. Welch will preach his first sermon at the church as pastor on February 7. The Ladies' Fellowship has planned a fine reception for the Welch family.

Elon Fraternity Collecting Books

The brothers of Sigma Mu Sigma Service Fraternity at Elon College have taken on an international project in connection with the "BOOKS FOR ASIAN STUDENTS" program of The Asia Foundation. Text books, and books by authors such as Dickens, Plato, Hemingway, Balzac and Goethe are being gathered to be sent to the Asia Foundation for distribution to students in Burma, India, the Philippines, Korea, Japan and other Asian countries.

If readers have any books suitable for this project, they are invited to call the fraternity at CA 8-9100 after 1:00 p.m. or write to the fraternity at Elon College, N. C. The young men will be glad to pick up whatever you can offer.

January 18, 1965

Dear Friends:

This week we are continuing our Progress Report for 1964.

June brought forth for the boys and girls playtime, work time and vacation time. During the months of June, July and August, our boys and girls share with the staff in raising and preparing vegetables for fall and winter use. Each one of them spends two or more weeks from the campus with a relative, sponsor or friend.

While they were on the campus and involved in the program, their time was properly divided between work and recreation.

The month of June saw our Home represented for the first time at the Southern Regional Meeting of the Child Welfare League of America meeting in Miami Beach, Florida by the Superintendent and his family.

In July four of our staff members attended workshops at the University of North Carolina for classes in child-caring work. Two housemothers, Mrs. Frieda Weaver and Mrs. Bertha Phillips attended the workshop for housemothers while the Superintendent, John D. Biggerstaff, attended the workshop for executives. This is sponsored by the School of Social Work and gives opportunity for exchange of ideas and also opportunity to know of new ways and means to work more adequately with those in our care.

July saw the home benefactor of a gift in the amount of $7,500.00 received from Alamance-Caswell Medical Society as a result of surplus donations given to finance the K. O. Polio Campaign in Alamance County. This gift was used to defray the cost of capital improvements on the campus.

September saw our boys and girls returning to work for another term. We had a marked increase in the number of high school students attending Western High. Twenty-four enrolled in September. Seven from our Home were members of the Western High football team.

The coming of October saw our Home making preparation for the coming Thanksgiving-Christmas season. A special effort each year is put forth to tell our story and to raise funds by special giving for the on-going of the local program.

With the coming of Thanksgiving, many of the boys and girls spent this holiday season with various individuals.

December saw our boys and girls sharing in a project that is now in its fourth year. This project is the Christmas Tree Sale under the direction of our General Maintenance Supervisor, Charles E. Perkins. Proceeds are used to help partially pay for the summer recreational program as well as athletic equipment not furnished by the school so these boys and girls can participate.

This is also an excellent effort for them to have opportunity to share in some part of the cost of their care as well as the valuable experience which they receive.

Also, during this month, several annual events occur that they look forward to. One is their annual visit with the Rotary Club. This year they went to Holiday Inn where they were the dinner guests of the Rotarians as well as receiving guests totalling $2,425.00 to the Home.

Then in December they were guests of the Burlington Jaycees for their annual shopping tour. This is an event that they look forward to each year and means much to each of the boys and girls. They are given a certain amount of money and are allowed to spend it for whatever they might choose. We at the Home feel that this is a good experience for each of them.

Ths Thanksgiving-Christmas Season appeal sent out from the Home was well received throughout the Alamance County area.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

1964 was both a progressive and prosperous year for the Elon Home for Children. We look forward to 1965 with hopes that we can progress more in our efforts of childcare and that the response from the people will be even more generous so we might do this program more adequately.

Walstein W. Snyder

REPORT FOR JANUARY 18, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Virginia Valley Conference	
Eastern Virginia Conference	354.36
Eastern North Carolina Conference	
Western North Carolina Conference	1.00
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	337.67
Total	$693.03

Special Offerings

Congregational Women's Fellowship, Neligh, Nebraska	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McLelland, Burlington, N. C.	10.00
Western Electric, Department 7531, 7261 & 7263, Burlington, North Carolina	46.50
Mr. Stewart Olson, Salem, Massachusetts	10.00
Paradise Hills Community Church, Women's Fellowship, San Diego, California	10.00
Adult Bible Class, Monticello Chris. Ch., Monticello, N. C.	5.00
Pilgrim Church, Women's Federation, New Haven, Conn.	10.00
Miss Maude McKinney, Brown Summit, N. C.	10.00
Parkway United Church of Christ, Winston-Salem, N. C.	30.00
First Cong. Church, East Hartford, Connecticut	77.80
Lebanon Congregational Church, Women's Fellowshpi, Lebanon, Conn.	15.00
Church of Christ, Women's Fellowship, Winstead Conn.	5.00
Ladies Aid Society, Fishers Island Union Chapel, Fishers Island, N. Y.	5.00
Topsfield Cong. Church, Topsfield, Mass.	25.00
Women's Fellowship, Cong. Church, Brookfield, Conn.	100.00
Women's Fellowship, Groton Cong. Church, Groton, Conn.	10.00
Highlands Cong. Church, Melrose, Massachusetts	50.00

Memorial Gifts:

In Memory of Oscar Scales Chandler (5 Memorials)
In Memory of Richard Bloxsom and Elmer Davis
In Memory of Miss Wilmer Holt
In Memory of Mrs. J. R. Rhodes
In Memory of Elydia Mae Gibbs
In Memory of Mrs. M. Z. Rhodes

Total Memorial Gifts	75.65
Special Offerings	299.63
Total	$809.58

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A minister was counselled by members of his congregation to speak out forcefully in his preaching and let the chips fall where they may. Then another group came to him and urged him to be conciliatory and take care not to antagonize anyone.

The next Sunday his sermon came out like this: "Unless you repent, in a measure, and are converted, so to speak, you are, I am sorry to say, in danger of hell-fire and damnation to a certain extent."

—From **The Nebraska Record (UCC)**

Leila W. Anderson Honored

The Pilgrim Circuit Rider

Rev. Leila W. Anderson, Chicago, known as the "Pilgrim Circuit Rider" in the United Church of Christ, was honored at a Service of Recognition Sunday afternoon, January 24, at 3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Oak Park, Illinois.

Miss Anderson, as a national staff member of the Division of Christian Education of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, traveled thousands of miles annually during the past 18 years in a specially equipped "parsonage on wheels" to help churches in rural areas strengthen their Christian Education program.

Participants in this Recognition Service were Miss Mildred C. Widber, Boston, Rev. Dr. Howard F. Schomer and Rev. Dr. James R. Smucker, both of Chicago, and Rev. Dr. Oliver Powell, Oak Park, minister of the First Congregational Church, of which Miss Anderson is a member.

Miss Widber is chairman of the Curriculum Interpretation Committee and a member of the Leadership Ministries staff of the Division of Christian Education. Dr. Schomer is a member of the Board of Directors of the United Church Board for World Ministries and is president of Chicago Theological Seminary. Dr. Smucker is executive director of the Northeast Association of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ. Dr. Powell is also a member of the Board of Directors of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

Miss Anderson now 66 years of age was formally appointed at this Service for a short term overseas under the United Church Board for World Ministries. She is leaving in February on the S. S. President Wilson from San Francisco for a Christian Education ministry with the **United Church of Christ in the Philippines,** the major Protestant denomination in that country. This denomination organized in 1948 as the result of the mission work of four major American Protestant denominations, is a member of the World Council of Churches.

During the past few years Miss Anderson, who has been in almost every state during her ministry, (including the Southern Convention) has concentrated her efforts on the Indian Reservations of North and South Dakota, and Southern Section of this country. Last summer she spent several weeks with the Cooperative Urban Ministry in Buffalo, New York.

Her "mobile-residence" is equipped with all the "comforts of home" and the necessities of an office. She has sleeping, cooking and laundry space and ample room for books, Church School Curriculum, literature, records, audio-visual equipment and other supplies for her teaching and counseling. New conveniences have been added to her step-van, known as the "Roving Parsonage," such as a television set and braided plastic rugs for insulation against heat and cold.

Born and brought up on a farm near La Moille, Illinois, she knows the language of rural people and can talk with them as knowledgeably about crops as about Church School Curriculum.

A graduate of Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, Miss Anderson received her Bachelor of Divinity Degree from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

Before she became a member of the national staff of the Division of Christian Education of Congregational Christian churches, Miss Anderson taught in public schools for five years and for eight years was a member of the faculty of a church-related junior college in the Missouri Ozarks. She also served for six years as director of Christian Education of the Congregational Conference of South Dakota.

She is the author of the autobiographical book "Pilgrim Circuit Rider" published by Harper and Brothers, and currently is collaborating in writing another book "The Traveling Parakeet" — the story of her bird "Peter Piper," charming children and adults alike, he traveled with her for nearly ten years.

YOU, THEN, ARE TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS...

Matthew 28:19
Phillips Translation

Graduate Schools Of Theology — UCC

Andover Newton Theological School (1807) 1, 3
Newton Centre 59, Mass.

Bangor Theological Seminary (1814)
Bangor, Maine

The Chicago Theological Seminary (1855) 1, 2, 3
5757 University Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois

Eden Theological Seminary (1848) 1,3
Webster Groves, Missouri

Hartford Seminary Foundation (1834) 1, 2, 3
55 Elizabeth Street
Hartford 5, Conn

Harvard Divinity School (1811) 1,2
Cambridge 38, Mass.

The School of Religion, Howard University (1868) 3
Washington 1, D. C.

Lancaster Theological Seminary (1831) 3
Lancaster, Penna.

Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin College (1835) 1, 3
Oberlin, Ohio

Pacific School of Religion (1866)
1798 Scenic Avenue
Berkeley 9, Calif.

Union Theological Seminary (1836) 1, 2, 3
Broadway at 120th Street
New York, N. Y.

United Theological Seminary (1960)
Minneapolis, Minn.

Vanderbilt University Divinity School (1875) 1, 2
Nashville, Tenn.

Yale University Divinity School (1822) 1, 2, 3
New Haven, Conn.

These graduate schools of theology associated with the United Church of Christ offer excellent opportunities for young men and women as they prepare to enter full-time Christian service. All offer B. D. degrees. In addition, those designated 1 have a Master's degree program; those with 2 Doctorate programs. Those with 3 offer a program leading to the graduate degree in Religious Education. Futher information may be secured by writing directly to the above addresses.

The 1965

Christian Vocations Retreat

April 23-25

Moonelon Center

Elon College, N. C.

For those who have completed at least tenth grade. Maximum number accepted: 24 boys and 36 girls.

Purposes:

- To provide encouragement to young people interested in full-time Christian service
- To inspire and refocus the thinking of young people as they give consideration to their life vocation
- To make available information about possible vocations in the church, training needed, qualifications and satisfactions involved
- To expose young people to committed full-time Christian workers on a face-to-face basis
- To make it possible to meet other young people with similar inquiries and hopes

SPECIAL LEADER: REV. GEORGE NISHIMOTO

Council for Church & Ministry
United Church of Christ
New York, N. Y.

The 1964 Christian Vocations Retreat Participants

Get registration forms and further details from your minister or youth advisor.
This Retreat is sponsored by the Ministerial Committee and Board of Christian Education of the Southern Convention. There is no charge for those attending providing they come with a genuine interest in Christian vocations.

Today's minister sees himself as not performing all of the functions of a church . . . but in equipping, teaching and encouraging his congregation for a mutual ministry. It involves raising important questions and helping people to understand and accept the answers . . . helping people to build together in a spirit permeated by God's love and acceptance.

If you love people and are concerned that they find acceptance in Christ and His church . . . If you can laugh with people . . . If you desire to communicate a vital Christian faith with sound educational principles . . . If you crave a career of service where there is need . . . THEN serve God and man through the church in the world by A CAREER IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Vocashuns

The derivation of the word "vocation" is rather fascinating. It comes from the ancient Latin, VOCATIO, to call, and the not quite as ancient Anglo-Saxon word TION, or more properly SHUN, to ignore or pay little attention to. Thus VOCATION, or VOCASHUN, meaning to ignore or pay little attention to a call. Many of us live up to this real meaning of the word. More fairly, perhaps, we hear a confusing number of calls and apply selectivity based on unfortunate standards.

There are vocations which offer a great deal of financial reward. In most cases, full-time Christian service, related to the church, is not in this category.

There are vocations which require very little education and training. Full-time, church-related service does not fit into this classification either.

There are vocations which bring a large measure of fame and prestige. Full-time Christian service, usually, does not enter into the picture here.

There are vocations which are easy, undemanding, consume very little time and allow for sloppy practices. Church-related, full-time vocations do not belong here without a doubt.

But these are the calls we hear, aren't they? Money. Ease of entry. Fame. Undemanding. All things being equal, why not go into something easy or undemanding or leading to fame or highly profitable? After all, it is commonly suggested, we can all be Christians whatever we do, can't we!

One of the blessings of full-time Christian service is that you're kept more aware that you're supposed to be a full-tme Christian. Sure, you can be a full-time Christian in any job. But very few are! It depends, no doubt, on what is meant by full-time Christian. For that matter, in the best sense of the words, those who are in full-time Christian service related to the church are probably most aware that they are not being full-time servants. Maybe this is another blessing.

There is another good reason for hearing and accepting a call to church-related full-time work: generally speaking there is no better way to bear witness to one's personal faith in God. There are outstanding laymen and women far more exemplary than many "professional" Christians. No one would dispute that. But by and large the witnessing that is done is being done by full-time Christian workers or by those who have been influenced by full-time Christian workers. Really there are two blessings here . . . the privilege of concentrated witness and the possibility for influencing others.

But these are not the best fruits of full-time service. There grows an increasing consciousness of God's nearness and reality to one closely involved with life's problems and joys as they are shared with others in a relationship of mutual trust and helpfulness. This nearness and reality becomes a sustaining and satisfying experience without equal in financial remuneration, prestige, fame or anything else. It is that growth toward completeness which is the goal of all men, consciously or unconsciously. Such completeness is best found through full-time, church-related Christian service.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST + THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE +

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Mission On Renewal & Evangelism

The Convictions

The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. Jesus Christ has come to fulfill this divine intention of reconciling the world.

The agency of this reconciliation is His church, the power of it is His Holy Spirit, and the means to it is obedient life in the testimonies to our crucified and risen Lord.

This testimony roots and flowers in dialogue — with God as prayer and communion, with each other in covenant community, and with the world as sharing its common lot with compassionate concern.

The church can proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil only if it accepts the cost and joy of discipleship and steadily looks upon itself as God's servant in the service of men.

The courage for this task and the humility for this self-understanding depend on the continual renewing of the churches by the Holy Spirit.

Through the total dialogue of the local church — God and His people, pastor and people, insiders and outsiders — God intends to release His creative and redeeming power.

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

"Master, all these have I observed from my youth."
/KJ

"Teacher, all these I have observed from my youth."
/RSV

"Master, I have carefully kept all these since I was quite young."
/Phillips

Two very distinct feelings must have come to the rich young man when he encountered Jesus of Nazareth with his very famous question: "What must I do to inherit life?" When he discovered he was able to respond with the above statement to Jesus' answer to his question, this young man must have felt the rapture of salvation's nearness. Why, he had done these things faithfully! In keeping the commandments, he was above reproach.

This feeling changed sharply when Jesus went on explaining what was required of him before he could follow the Master and expect eternal life. He could not meet the requirement put forth by Jesus. The fact that he had known and kept the commandments did not particularly help him at this point. His rapture became despair and sadness. Though he had blessings beyond what most men attained, something was missing which prevented him from becoming a follower.

Young people in our churches today, in many cases, have come up through Sunday schools, have been exposed to and learned the commandments, the facts, the historical data, the things customarily taught about the life of our Lord. Some of them have even been helped to live accordingly.

Several things happen to young people at this point in their lives. They may become "faithful" church members. They may feel all that is to be learned has been learned and leave the church until they start to raise their own families who will also be in need of learning "all there is to learn". They may use the church for their own ends.

What remains is to ask of ourselves, "Have we taught our young people? Will they now go on to achieve blessings in life? Will they, like the rich young man, find something missing when it comes down to the line of being able to decide in favor of Christian discipleship in the hard sense of the words?"

The whole point is this, perhaps . . . can we ever convince ourselves that there is much more to the Christian nurture of our children than the learning of facts, history, commandments and words? Can we ever learn that the faith of the Christian is concerned first with the redeeming love of God and not with living "a good life". The rich young man observed the commandments. Presumably this would qualify him as one who lived a "good life". And yet he could not follow when called.

It is the redemptive love of God as it relates to our children where they are, in meaningful relations with others, that rounds out the circle of Christian growth. In this circle there is neither beginning nor end, but always continuation. No one ever completes the relationships he has with others as long as he lives. Neither does he complete his relationship to God. Learning is a step toward maturity. As we have opportunity to find God redemptively at work in our midst, and as we encourage others to find Him there, we are finding that which was missing in the life of the rich young man.

MORE

MISSION ON RENEWAL AND EVANGELISM

What Is It?

MORE is a modern method of practical, down-to-earth evangelism designed for the local church. It is not at all complicated and it is flexible enough so that it can be used in any church regardless of size. Sponsored by the Division of Evangelism of the United Church of Christ, it differs from previous programs. Formerly the emphasis has been on preaching, visitation and increasing the church roll. In **MORE** the primary concern is not so much the unchurched, but reaching those already a part of the church. It is designed to help church people face their responsibilities as Christians in the community and the world. The pastor and his congregation will spend six months in discussion and conversation (dialogue), studying the scriptures in search of God's will for their lives. The week of October 4-10, 1965, will be **MORE WEEK**. A visiting minister will lead each congregation in study and/or preaching, whichever the congregation prefers.

The Southern Conference Committee for MISSION ON RENEWAL AND EVANGELISM is the Reverends Bill Simmons, chairman; Billy Joe Leonard; Odell Leonard; Kenneth Register; Jimmy Norred; Carl Dunker; Carl Dixon; Carroll Lewis. As the **MORE** emphasis progresses, they are willing and prepared to answer questions and offer assistance in planning participation at the local level.

March 7, 1965 — A Year Of Evangelism — February 27, 1966

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

Take A Look At Your Pastor!

We are living in a crisis time for pastors. New churches are being organized. We are in the midst of a population explosion. There are not enough pastors to meet the demand. The demand is much greater than the supply. This trend will continue unless—?

All Christians are ministers, but beyond this general ministry and discipleship there is a particular occupation of those set apart by the church to be pastors. They are set apart to equip, discipline, sustain, and provide for the whole church. The authority of the ordained pastor is related to the nature of the church and the truth of the message of the gospel. It is firmly fixed, not in the person of the pastor himself, but in the truth of the Christian revelation. This would hold true for other church occupations, of course.

Who is your pastor? Your pastor is a person who has committed himself to a life of witness and service in a full-time church vocation. He is a servant of God and a called leader of a local church. Your pastor has a called commitment that would vary from the dramatic to the quiet call to vocation. Your pastor feels that God has set him apart for a ministry from which he cannot shrink.

Your pastor has completed four years of college and three years of seminary in order to be fully ordained. Your pastor may have not completed his full academic training, due to special circumstances. Your pastor is a person of professional competence and standing, and should be recognized as such, along with the professions of medicine and law.

Your pastor is a preacher, organizer, administrator, public relations expert, counselor, public servant, man of God, and man of family. Your pastor seeks to serve and minister in a time of theological, political, and social crisis. Surely, the burdens and hopes of our age hang heavy on the mind and heart of your pastor.

Your pastor is a human being. He must sleep and eat as all men do. He is not perfect. He has his own personality strengths and weaknesses. Yet, every pastor I know seeks with all his heart to be a servant of God, a servant of his people, and provider for self and family, if he has a family.

But, your minister faces a crisis. His economic needs greatly test and often are far greater than his economic resources. Your pastor often is the last one to bring this to the attention of the Finance Committee, the Board of Deacons, or persons in authority in the Church. Your pastor has his pride of vocation which would prevent him from seeking personal gain. Too often, your pastor suffers serious economic hardship and difficulty because of his reluctance to make a request for greater financial consideration. In this connection, you, Mr. Deacon, Mr. Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Church School Superintendent, Mr. Dedicated Christian in a local church can help. Let me ask you some questions:

1. What is your pastor's salary? How does it compare with yours?
2. Is your pastor enrolled in The Annuity Fund of our United Church of Christ? What about his needs in old age?
3. Does your Church provide a travel and utility allowance for your pastor? Did you know that a large share of your pastor's salary goes for travel spent in serving you?
4. Does your Church review its obligation to your pastor in providing a reasonabale and adequate salary on an annual basis?

Several cooperating denominations have recently completed research regarding pastors' salaries across the country and across denominational lines. A Guide-Book for Local Churches — "How Well Do You Support Your Minister" is the result. The Chairmen of Finance Committees or other interested lay persons are invited to write to the Southern Convention Office for a copy. It will help you to provide a reasonable and fair salary for your minister.

The research showed that the average minister travels 13,460 miles a year on church business at a cost of $1,212., but received an average car allowance of only $649. Among rural and small town churches, the salaries were lower and frequently little or no car expense was provided, while the cost of travel was greater than the average.

Inflation has played havoc with the minister's salary. If you were paying your minister $3,000 in 1945 and are now paying him $5,000 in 1965, you have not increased his salary one bit.

Did you know that too many ministers have to work at an extra job in order to support their families? Eight per cent of the ministers reported in the research survey worked 20 hours or less per week. 21% of the ministers reported in the survey that their wives were employed outside the home. 71% of the ministers reported that they had an average indebtedness of $1,596, and 12% of the ministers have debts of $3,000 and over. Almost one-third of the ministers of the survey reported that their indebtedness had increased during their years of serving as pastor of churches.

This is a serious crisis situation. Ministers are reluctant to discuss it for fear of being misunderstood. Our Convention needs ministers. The demand is greater than the supply. Many of our pastors are serving at a real sacrifice, at a salary far below that of non-professional people in our congregations. This is not fair.

I would lay this on the heart of Deacons, Trustees, Finance Committees, and other good people of our churches who may not be all aware of this serious problem.

Has your church raised the pastor's salary recently? Does your church increase the shortage among ministers by paying a salary far beneath the ability of the local congregation? Let's set about to correct this serious problem in our fellowship.

Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent

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ELON COLLEGE NEWS

The Dignity Of Labor

(From an article by Dr. J. Keith Justice of Abilene Christian College)

"We need to take a more careful look at the philosophy which has made this country so productive. Someone has expressed it this way, 'A worker who does only what he has to do is a slave. One who willingly does more than is required of him is truly a free man.' With the individual incentive provided by our competitive system we have labored largely as free men. With the help of God we shall continue to do so.

Is there a danger of over-work? You've often heard the expression, 'He worked himself to death!' In this regard, I read a statement about John Wesley that sounds fantastic and yet is reported to be true: 'John Wesley traveled two hundred and fifty thousand miles on horseback, averaging twenty miles a day for forty years; preached forty thousand sermons; produced four hundred books; knew ten languages. At eighty-three he was annoyed that he could not write more than fifteen hours a day without hurting his eyes and at eighty-six he was ashamed because he could not preach more than twice a day. He complained in his diary that there was an increasing tendency to lie in bed until 5:30 in the morning.'

The longer I live the more I am convinced that it is not the work that hurts us but rather the fear of it, the fretting about it and the frustration that is produced by the failure to do it satisfactorily. There is nothing more restful at the end of a hard day's work than the sense of accomplishment that comes from a job well done. On the other hand there is nothing more tiring at the end of an idle day than the consciousness of having accomplished nothing. It has been truly said, 'To work at the things you like, or for those you love, is to turn work into play and duty into privilege.'"

Race Relations Sunday

February 14

For the past 41 years, the churches have placed special emphasis on race relations on a specific Sunday in February. This year the date will be February 14th. For the first time, the National Council of Churches is not issuing a "special message" for this observance. Rev. Alfred S. Kramer, acting director for the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations, has said this about such a message in 1965:

> "The function of the message as an annual stimulent for thought and action is no longer required. The Negro revolution, as part of the social upheaval and change taking place in our society, should be sufficient stimulent for Christians in most communities to plan and create appropriate responses in the area of human rights and justice."

Calling cancellation of the message "a simple logistic inevitability," Mr. Kramer deplored "canned messages". The increased interest and concern which now exists, he said, should challenge Christians "to do" rather than to salve their consciences by listening to an irrelevant document which, of necessity, had to be drawn up months prior to its use.

Who Is An Excellent Teacher?

"If one is to become an excellent teacher he must work at it systematically and continually. He doesn't arrive after ten, fifteen, or twenty years then coast on his momentum until retirement. When a teacher is too old to learn he is obviously too old to teach. What makes a teacher superior? (1) Has an active, inquiring mind. The term 'mossback' never applies to the teacher who remains alive intellectually. (2) Holds some beliefs and is willing to defend them. He is not dogmatic, cock-sure, or overbearing, but has arrived at some conclusions. (3) Has a sincere desire to help others. His greatest satisfactions in teaching come from the success of his students. (4) Possesses enthusiasm for what he is doing. (5) Believes that democratic processes develop an individual's worth and dignity. His actions show a keen sense of justice, fair play, and concern for the under-privileged. (6) Has a cheerful, optimistic outlook. Optimism is a proven technique for providing encouragement! (7) Has habits and attitudes that are worth emulating. If the teacher is to help humanity improve, he must point the way himself. (8) Has varied interests. Certainly, a person with many interests will not appear as the comic-tragic stereotype of teachers of the past, which still seems to linger in the minds of too many people. (9) Is able to communicate effectively. (10) Has emotional balance."

—by Caseel D. Burke
in the Utah Educational Review,
March-April, 1964.

UNITED CHURCH ASSEMBLY

The following persons from the Southern Convention are attending the United Church Assembly at French Lick, Indiana: Dr. J. E. Danieley, Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Reverend R. N. Rinker, Reverend Bill Simmons, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman and Mrs. F. C. Lester.

SPECIAL SPEAKERS AT DURHAM

On Friday, February 12, (8:00) Dr. Warner Wells will speak at the United Congregational Church of Chapel Hill on **Atomic Warfare and World Peace.** Dr. Wells, a medical doctor, was one of the first persons to arrive on the scene after the explosion of the atomic bomb at Hiroshima. He will illustrate his presentation with films.

COMMUNION SET AVAILABLE

The United Church of Chapel Hill has a communion set as good as new for any church or mission church that would be interested in having it, according to word received from Mr. E. W. Neville, a long-time member of that fellowship.

Anyone interested in having the set may write to the United Congregational Christian Church, P. O. Box 190, Chapel Hill, N.C.

SOPHIA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

A committee has been elected to draw up a consititution for the church. This constitution will be presented to the church for adoption sometime in April. R. E. Brown, Leonard Staley, and Denver Hayes make up this committee.

A Junior Choir has been organized and is under the capable direction of Mrs. Rex Thomas, wife of the minister. Presently, there are twenty four young people in this choir. The Junior Choir presents the offertory each Sunday for the worship service and is now in the process of learning a number of anthems for the Easter Services.

MORE

MISSION ON RENEWAL AND EVANGELISM

The Concerns

How can we move **from self-centered institutionalism to Christ-centered community** within the church as institution? From institutional success to faithfulness to the living Lord? To a new vision of the church as the Church?

How can the church move **from monologue to dialogue?** Overcome the separation between pulpit and pew? Encourage dialogue within the church and with the culture?

How release **the power of the laity?** Communicate the meaning of Christian community, mutual ministry, and witness?

How involve pastor and people in considering and experiencing **the holiness of the personal?** Experience evangelism as concern for persons?

How experience **self-discipline** as the basis of the renewal of the person and of the church? Deepen worship, private and family devotion, study, and the life in Christ in the world?

Wake Chapel Christian Church

The Deacons of the Wake Chapel Christian Church are establishing twelve visitation teams to call during the four Wednesday evenings in February. Each team will consist of two laymen. The Deacons plan to cover the entire membership of the church during this month. This method is replacing the pastor and one deacon going out two evenings each week, which has been used occasionally in the past.

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Under the sponsorship of the Ministerial Association of Fuquay-Varina, a Family Aid Council has been formed to give real assistance to families and transients in need of help. This assistance may be in the form of food, clothing, jobs, job training, medical assistance, and counselling. The Council works through established social agencies, the existence of which local people may be unaware. A local committee is authorized to give emergency aid, and the Administrator of the Council follows through by trying to get the family aid related to a social agency which can render long term aid. In the spring of 1963, a study was made of the health and welfare resources available, and an amazing number of resources was listed. The slogan of the Council is "For Christ's people through his Churches."

The plan is based upon volunteer sponsors of individual families. Sponsors furnish transportation, help fill out applications, and offer common-sense help to insure that the chosen program for a family's recovery is carried out.

The family sponsorship idea came from the ladies of the Chapel Bible Class of the Wake Chapel Christian Church, who cooperated with both public health and public welfare workers while using the sponsorship approach to increase the effectiveness of their givings.

This Is The Way You Do It!

Enrollment

MORE is sponsored and directed by the Division of Evangelism. To participate in it a congregation is required to enroll. An enrollment form is provided. Each church is asked to suggest a minister as guest leader (missioner) for MISSION WEEK. The Division will make arrangements for the missioner to assist in the **MORE** program. Enrollment is a **must** and should be done by March 1, 1965. Green enrollment forms have been mailed to local churches by the Southern Conference **MORE** Committee.

Sermon

Once a month for six months the pastor will preach a sermon on one of the five **MORE** concerns, or on **MORE** preparation. The sermons will be mimeographed and given to the congregation for study. On Tuesday evening of that week the people will return to the church and in small groups discuss the concerns presented in the sermon.

Committees

Some committees are needed during the six months of prep aration. They are as follows: Prayer, Visitation, Hospitality, Telephone, Music, Ushering, Public Relations, and a Committee on Non-members. As these committees function, the congregation becomes more aware and involved in the work of **MORE**.

Mission Week

The MISSION WEEK begins Monday, October 4, and extends through Sunday evening, October 10. Each congregation will have its own guest leader (missioner) during the week. The host church will take care of his meals, lodging, travel, and pulpit supply for the Sunday he is away from his own pulpit. He will preach a sermon each evening following the Bible study. The sermon is based on scriptural study.

Rally Day

The last day of the MISSION WEEK, all of the churches of the area participating in **MORE** will come together in one place, where they will study selected scripture in small groups. Each missioner will preach that morning in the church where he has been ministering. The evening service will include all the churches in a service of dedicating lives and churches to the holy will of God.

THE SECOND SIX MONTHS OF MORE IS USED IN LAY VISITATION OF THE UNCHURCHED OF THE COMMUNITY.

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WORKSHOP ON PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Eastern Virginia leaders are encouraged to attend the February 14th WORKSHOP ON PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE to be held at Bethlehem Christian Church in Suffolk, beginning at 3:00 and continuing until 7:00.

Leader for this excellent opportunity will be Dr. J. Earl Danieley, President of Elon College. Registration cost will be 25c and a dinner will be provided for 75c. Ministers and laymen will be helped toward an understanding of the latest procedures and materials in parilamentary law.

DURHAM AUTHORS PART OF SOUTHERN CONVENTION

Two books by members of the Congregational Christian Church of Durham have recently been published. **The Reformation** was edited by Dr. Hans Hillerbrand. Author of **The Conscience of India** was Dr. Creighton Lacy.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE AUDIO-VISUAL LIBRARY

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sfs First Church Serves Its Community — a — 82 fr
mp Forward — a — 15 min
fs Freedom Under God — y — a — 69 fr
fs How Do You Love Your Neighbor? — j — a — 80 fr
fs It Happens Every Day — y — a — 60 fr
sfs Let Us Break Bread Together — y — a — 67 fr
fs Our World of Happy Differences — c — 63 fr
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sfs Rebirth In Roxbury — y — a — 83 fr

CHURCH AND MINISTRY

fs The Covenant (2) — y — a — 47 & 38 fr
mp A Job For Bob — 34 min
sfs Meet Bill Hayden — a — 110 fr
sfs See Ye First — y — a — 80 fr
p Vocations Flexhibit — y

HOMELAND MINISTRIES

ALASKA, HAWAII, PUERTO RICO & CARIBBEAN

fs Alaska — y — a — 48 fr
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fs Hawaii, Brotherhood — y — a — 47 fr
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fs New Neighbors From Cuba — c — 55 fr
fs We Are All One — c — 74 fr

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Pre-School

sfs First Steps In Religion — 1t — 62 fr
sfs Kindergarten Child & The Church — 1t — 92 fr
sfs Nursery Child & The Church — 1f — 76 fr
sfs Nursery Leadership Filmstrip — 1t — 108 fr
fs Teaching In The Kindergarten — 1t — 92 fr

Children

r Adventures With The Book (2) — c —
sfs Church Plans For Children — 1t — 72 fr
sfs Goals Of The Church For Children — 1t — 54 fr
fs Greatness — c — 56 fr
sfs Junior & The Church — 1t — 64 fr
sfs Next Steps In Religion — 1t — 66 fr
sfs Primary Child & The Church — 1t — 84 fr

Youth

sfs Big Enough To Tackle — y — a — 51 fr
fs Camping With Jr. Highs — 1t — 88 fr
fs Christ's Workday — y — 64 fr
sfs Decision Saturday — 1t — 73 fr
sfs Digging Deep — y — a — 65 fr
sfs Do You Dig Friendship? — y — 115 fr
sfs Double Identity — 1t — 78 fr
sfs The Faith Of A Guy — y — 77 fr
sfs A Friend To Youth — It — 77 fr
sfs Gallery Of Witnesses — y — a — 51 fr
sf The Hook — y — 64 fr
sfs How Wide Is Our Circle — y — a — 50 fr
fs I Work With Jr. Highs — 1t — 70 fr
sfs Is This The One For Me? — jh — a — 53 fr
sfs Jimmie's Question — y — a — 67 fr
mp A Job For Bob — y — 34 min
sfs Jr. High Friendships — jh — 49 fr
sfs Meaning Of Engagement — sh — 49 fr
sfs Measure Of A Man — y — a — 78 fr
fs Moonelon Story — y — a — 61 fr
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sfs Older Teens and Dating Series — sh

1. Conduct On A Date	49 fr.
2. Falling In Love	51 fr.
3. Going Steady	54 fr.
4. When Should I Marry?	45 fr.

r Songs Of Many Nations Records (4) — c — sh
sfs That Youth May Know — 1t — 75 fr
sfs This Sustaining Bread — sh — a — 15 min
sfs Through Faith & Fellowship — 1t — 79 fr
s USF Slides — college students — 34 sl
sfs Vocational Guidance Series — sh — a

1. Youth & Meaning of Vocation	8½ min.
2. Youth & World of Work	8 min.
3. Youth & Church Vocations	9 min.
4. Youth & Family In Voc. Decision	8½ min.

sfs We Have This Fellowship — y — 63 fr
sfs You for Youth — 1t — 79 fr
s Youth Seminar Slides — sh — 65 fr

Adult

sfs Face To Face — ya — a — 88 fr

General C.Ed.

r All Aboard For Adventure — c — (11-78 rpm records)
sfs As The Twig Is Bent — 1t — 54 fr
fs Building For Christian Experience (2) — 1t — 70 & 74 fr
fs The Covenant (2) — y — a — 47 & 48 fr
sfs Effective Christian Communication Series — a

1. What Is Communication?	15 min.
2. The Communicators	15 min.
3. Religious Communication	15 min.
4. Tools For Communication	15 min.

fs Freedom Under God — sh — a — 69 fr
fs A Good Steward — j — a — 70 fr (Carver)
sfs The Great Adventure — 1t — 72 fr
sfs The Growing Teacher — 1t — 57 fr
sfs How Persons Learn — 1t — 70 fr
sfs How To Organize For Audio-Visuals — 1t — 77 fr
sfs How To Use Filmstrips — it — 68 fr
sfs How To Use Motion Pictures — 1t — 64 fr
s Improve Your Teaching — 1t — 53 sl
fs It Happens Every Day — y — a — 53 fr
sfs Leads To Leadership — 1t — 71 fr
fs Let's Face It — 1t — 70 fr
fs Making The Most of Rooms & Equipment — 1t — 64 fr
sfs Meet Bill Hayden — a — 110 fr
sfs A Mirror To Myself — a — 66 fr
sfs No Two Alike — 1t — 64 fr
sfs Peace On Earth — y — a — 52 fr
fs Plan-For Christian Education — 1t — 78 fr

fs Planning & Conducting the VCS — 1t — 66 fr
fs The Protestant Reformation — jh — a — 64 fr
fs Rumor Clinic — sh-a — 4 fr
fs Seek Ye First — y — a — 80 fr
fs Sketchbook on Greatness — y — a — 65 fr
sfs So You're The Superintendent — 1t — 68 fr
fs Summertime Activities — 1t — 77 fr
sfs The Teacher Prepares — 1t — 56 fr
sfs The Teacher Teaches — 1t — 104 fr
sfs Together We Grow — 1t — 85 fr
United Church Curriculum Flipchart — 1t
sfs Why Use AV's In The Church? — 1t — 46 fr

Bible & Related

fs Abraham — p-jh — 28 fr.
fs A.D. 29 — y — a — 51 fr.
fs Amos — j-sh — 27 fr.
fs Bible Through The Centuries — y — a — 60 fr.
fs Church In New Testament Times — y — a — 67 fr.
sfs Council of Nicaea — a — 111 fr.
fs Dead Sea Scrolls — y — a — 82 fr.
sfs Herod, King of Judea — y — a — 20 min.
fs How The Old Testament Came To Be — j-a — 75 fr.
fs Jacob — 1j-jh — 24 fr.
fs Josiah — p-jh — 30 fr.
fs Life of Christ (2) j-a — 38 & 27 fr.
s Life of Christ (Woods) j-a — 50 sl.
fs Life of Paul — j-a — 75 fr.
sfs Modern Art & The Gospel — a — 66 fr.
fs Moses — y — 37 fr.
fs Nehemiah — j-sh — 26 fr.
fs Spokesmen For God — y — a — 73 fr.
sfs Story of Joseph — 1j-a — 18 min.
fs Story of Our Bible — j-a — 58 fr.
fs What Do We See of Jesus? (2) j-a — 40 & 44 fr.
sfs Parables From Nature Series — p-a — 30 fr.

1. Bushy, the Squirrel (Rich Fool)
2. Bootsie, the Lamb (Lost Sheep)
3. Corky, the Crow (Wedding Feast)
4. The Fairy Ring (Wheat & Tares)
5. Bruso, the Beaver (Laborers)
6. The Wind & Seeds (Sower)

r When Jesus Prayed — 1j-jh
r Love Your Neighbor — 1j-jh
r Hymns For Worship — y — a
r Making Decisions — sh-a

1. The Insiders
2. To Cheat Or Not To Cheat

r On The Third Day — sh-a
r Hymns For Worship — sh-a
sfs Five Parables of Jesus — sh-a

1. The Sower 7 fr.
2. The Good Samaritan 11 fr.
3. The Lost Sheep 6 fr.
4. The Talents 11 fr.
5. The Prodigal Son 24 fr.

vm Land Where Jesus Lived — j-a

1. Archaeology
2. Scenes and Cities
3. Everyday Life

wc Biblical History and Culture — y — a
wc Christian History and Culture — y — a

CHURCH EXTENSION

mp Basis Of The Blueprint — a — 17 min
fs Boomtime — y — a — 60 fr

EVANGELISM

sfs Jimmie's Question — y — a — 67 fr
fs You Take It From Here — a — 50 fr

HEALTH-WELFARE

fs Fellowship Center — y — a — 70 fr
fs The Hook — y — a — 64 fr

HIGHER EDUCATION

s USF Slides — college students — 34 sl

INDIAN AMERICANS

sfs A Time To Build Up — y — a — 95 fr
fp Indian Americans — c
fs Peter Flying Eagle — c — 64 fr

UNITED CHURCH

mp On The Threshold — y — a — 29 min
mp Youngest Church — y — a — 17 min

URBAN & RURAL CHURCH

fs The Cliff Dwellers — y — a — 70 fr
fs Dick's Discovery — y — a — 60 fr
fs Fellowship Center — a — 70 fr
fs National Mission Tour — y — a — 84 fr
mp New Frontiers Of Faith — y — a — 20 min
mp The Procession — y — a — 28 min
fs Town and Country Cousins — c — 60 fr
fp Town And Country — c

LAY LIFE AND WORK

FAMILY LIFE

sfs Built Upon The Rock — y — a — 80 fr
sfs A Family Affair — y — a — 69 fr
sfs For The Record — y — a — 83 fr
sfs Harvest From Holidays — y — a — 74 fr
sfs No Easy Answer — y — a — 106 fr

LAY WORK

r Dedication of the Women's Gift — a
mp The Laymen's Fellowship — a — 16 min.
r To Offer Willingly — a — 68 fr

MISCELLANEOUS

mp The Captive — y — a — 28 min — Poverty
sfs First Person Plural — a — 75 fr — N.C.C.
sfs The Truth Shall Make You Free — a — 74 fr — CHEF
sfs Job Corps (Recruiting) — y — a — 136 fr

STEWARDSHIP

fs The Allied Enlistment — a — 20 fr
mp And Now I See — y — a — 37 min
sfs Call For Kumar — a — 16 min
sfs The Church Is There — y — a — 88 fr
sfs Com. on Stewardship & Missionary Education—a—52 fr
sfs The Cultivation Committee — a — 13 min
mp A Gift For My Son — y — a — 29 min
sfs Go Forth In His Name — a — 89 fr
mp The Hidden Heart — y — a — 29 min
sfs Miracle Of Warren Walker — jh-a — 56 fr
mp More For Peace — y — a — 44 min
sfs A New Commitment — a — 82 fr
sfs The Plan — a — 64 fr
mp Secret Of The Gift — y — a — 40 min
sfs Success Story — a — 73 fr
sfs Through The Looking Glass — a — 64 fr
sfs The Time Is Now — a — 74 fr
sfs Visitor Stewardship Training Kit — a

1. Profile Of A Steward 37 fr.
2. Day For Decision 45 fr.
3. A Baker's Dozen record

WORLD MINISTRIES

Africa

fp Africa — c
fs Face To The Future — a — 58 fr
sfs Joao's Life At School — y — a — 15 min
sfs Rhodesia Mission — y — a — 12 min
fs Sumo, A Boy Of Africa — c — 57 fr
sfs Today In South Africa — y — a — 75 fr
fs Tumba of Africa — c — 62 fr
fs Village Reborn — a — 79 fr
fs Work of the Church in Ghana — y — a — 65 fr

Asia

sfs Views From The Rim — y — a — 117 fr

Church World Service

sfs The Church & Human Need — y — a — 90 fr
sfs Exiles In The Holy Land — y — a — 79 fr
sfs How Real The Hope — y — a — 75 fr
mp Hunger — y — a — 28 min
sfs A Matter Of Fact — y — a — 79 fr
sfs More Than Warmth — c — 78 fr
sfs My Sister Hilwa — c — 96 fr
sfs A New Language For Kim Po — c — 53 fr
sfs One Traveler — y — a — 75 fr
mp Profiles Of Promise — y — a — 28 min
sfs Son Of Ahmad — j-a — 75 fr
sfs Wait A Minute — c — 73 fr

General

sfs Charity Begins At Home — y — a — 17 min
fs Close-Up — y — a — 83 fr
sfs Each With His Own Brush — y — a — 42 fr
fs Growing As World Friends — a — 48 fr
fs Growing Household of God — y — a — 77 fr
s In His Name & For Their Sakes — y — a — 60 sl
fs Into All The World Together — y — a — 96 fr
s Our Christian World Mission — a — 50 sl
Map of the World — c — a
sfs Our Church World Model — y — a — 68 fr
fs Our World of Happy Differences — c — 63 fr
mp Return of the Stranger — y — a — 34 min
sfs The Sending & The Sent — y — a — 22 min
sfs To Sing Again — y — a — 110 fr
fp Spreading The Gospel — c
fs The Travelin' Man — j-a — 75 fr
UNICEF Pictorial Exhibit — c — 14 pic

Indian-Ceylon

sfs Dr. Riggs' Personal Reports (3) — j-a — 50 fr ea.
s Dr. Riggs' Slides — j-a — 50 sl
fs New Day In Nepal — y — a — 70 fr
fs Today In Pakistan — y — a — 71 fr

Latin America

fp Mexicans — c
sfs Witness in Mexico — y — a — 66 fr

Near East

sfs American Board In Turkey — y — a — 69 fr
fp Bible Lands — c
sfs Exiles In the Holy Land — y — a — 79 fr
sfs Iraq At the Crossroads — y — a — 51 fr
s Iraq — y — a — 144 sl
sfs Son Of Ahmad — j-a — 75 fr

Pacific

fs A Country In Crisis — y — a — 92 fr
fs Elena Of The Philippines — c — 60 fr
fp Filipinos — c
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c — children

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y — Youth (jh-sh)
a — Adult
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Request any of the above Audio-Visuals from the Southern Convention Office, Box 336, Elon College, North Carolina, 27244. Allow **at least** two weeks notice when asking for a reservation. Orders received without adequate notice may not arrive on time. Return postage is paid by the user; this is the only charge involved. The designation "Library Material" should be written on the return label for lowest fee.

It is imperative that Audio-Visuals be returned **immediately** unless prior permission is granted; another group may be deprived of a program if you keep them past your showing date without asking!

No Will — A Stigma?

In 17th century England, society frowned upon a person who died without having made a will. Not only was the family somewhat less than pleased about the resulting stigma, but they were also unhappy about the distribution of property under the intestate succession laws (for those not having a will) — real property to the heir and personal property to the next of kin. The wife was not an heir. In effect, the law provided a will for a person who had failed to execute one.

In the United States today there is little stigma attached to a person's demise without a will; however, families are still unhappy about the distribution of property under the intestate succession laws. States are still "making wills" for those who neglect this task. In many instances the wife and children are left without means for adequate support in the months immediately following the death of the breadwinner.

By means of a will you can avoid extra expense and delay, save your estate from excessive taxes, and, most important, you can select the persons whom you desire to share in the proceeds of your estate. Your attorney is the qualified person to draft your will.

Speaking of saving money, a charitable gift by will can insure a larger estate for your loved ones. If the Elon College Development Office can assist you, we will be happy to do so.

January 25, 1965

Dear Friends:

The annual meeting for Health & Welfare Services of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries took place this past week at Chicago, Illinois. The Conference theme was "Projecting Church, Health and Welfare Services into Tomorrow". The key note address was given by Mr. Sanford Solender, Executive Vice President of the National Jewish Welfare Board. His topic was "The Changing Society, Its Challenge to Social Welfare Under Religious Auspices".

The highlight of the second day of the two day conference was an address on Creating a Positive Image for our Health and Welfare Services by Dr. Albert E. Ronander, General Secretary for Administration, Stewardship Council, United Church of Christ.

In the afternoon of each day, workshops were held on each of these papers that were presented. The sessions were presided over by Mr. Harris E. Stafford, Administrator of the Mayflower Home of Grinnell, Iowa.

Those present from the Southern Conference of the United Church were Mr. Clyde W. Rudd, Immediate Past President of the Board of Trustees of the Elon Home for Children; Walstein W. Snyder, Superintendent of the Elon Home for Children; Charles Beidler, Superintendent of the Nazareth Children's Home in Rockwell, South Carolina and Rev. Lawrence Leonard, Minister of St. Marks Church, Burlington who is the co-ordinator for Health & Welfare Services in the Southern Conference as well as President of the United Church of Christ Retirement Home.

Representing the thirteen children's homes across the nation in the United Church of Christ will again this year be the writer of this article who will be serving a third term in this position. In this position he will serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the Council.

Walstein W. Snyder

REPORT FOR JANUARY 25, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Virginia Valley Conference	
Eastern Virginia Conference	**139.50**
Eastern North Carolina Conference	
Western North Carolina Conference	**17.00**
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	**96.00**
Total	**$252.50**

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Moonelon

OPERATION ICEBREAKER

Since the last report, gifts toward Operation Icebreaker have been received from Palm Street United Church of Christ PF (10.00) and Hunterdale United Church of Christ Junior PF, Franklin (10.00). The Palm Street PF raised the money through collecting and selling newspaper. They have sold hundreds of pounds at 60c a pound. How about others; How are your young people going at the task of sharing in the $1500 goal for cabin heaters at Moonelon?

MOONELON CENTER

Return cards have been sent out with promotional materials for our 1965 camping season at Moonelon Center; these cards are for the purpose of requesting camp brochures and registration blanks for use in the local church. Already, more than a dozen of these cards have come back asking for the informative folders and forms. On the cards there are also places for suggested names and addresses of possible adult workers at the Center. This year we need your assistance in finding qualified leadership for our young people. Write Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. for more information. Large posters will be sent out in the near future for display.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Special Offerings	
Ladies Bible Class, First Cong. Ch., Henderson, N. C.	**25.00**
Women's Fellowship, Spring Hill Christian Church, Waverly, Virginia	**5.00**
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Richard Liken	
In Memory of O. S. Chandler	
In Memory of Mrs. J. Irving Corbett	
In Memory of Emory Offenbacker	
In Memory of Mother of Mrs. James Marvin	
In Memory of Mrs. Maggie Rhodes & Mrs. Mildred Rhodes	
In Memory of Mrs. Alice B. E. Lloyd (2 memorials)	
In Memory of Mr. M. A. Coble	
In Memory of Miss Wilmer Holt	
Total Memorial Gifts	**168.00**
Thanksgiving Offerings:	
1st Congregational Church, Torrington, Conn.	**22.87**
Sherly D. Evangelisti, Litchfield, Conn.	**1.00**
Total Thanksgiving Gifts	**23.87**
Special Offerings	**26.07**
Total	**$ 247.94**
Total for the Week	**$ 500.44**

Sophia United Church Of Christ

The Sophia Congregational Christian Church has a new name. It is now the Sophia United Church of Christ. At the January business meeting this year the change of name was unanimously adopted as a means of expressing fidelity to and recognition of the denominational body.

The name is not all that is new at the Sophia United Church of Christ. This year for the first time in its history the church is having full-time service. Worship services are held at eleven o'clock on the first, second, and fourth Sundays and ten o'clock on the third Sunday. Also, for the first time in a number of years mid-week services are being held on Wednesday evenings at seven fifteen o'clock. Presently, these mid-week services are taking the form of prayer meetings. Later, Bible study, mission study, evangelism workshops, and stewardship concerns will be the foci of these mid-week services.

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Rev. Richard N. Rinker, *Editor*
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Rev. Walstein W. Snyder, *Elon Home Editor*
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What Next?

You Can't Go Home is the theme of a pamphlet that Peace Corpsmen around the world are receiving from the National Council of Churches' Peace Corps' desk. It is a rapidly changing world and like a river keeps flowing on. All the training and experience which is ours becomes part of us, and always and ever it is usable only for whatever comes next.

The Peace Corpsman faces cultural shock upon return to the States that might be more severe than the shock of entering into the life of a "foreign" culture. "How are you going to keep them down on the farm, after they've seen...?" For some a way will be found to return abroad. For others, their broadened horizons will make them find their mission here at "home."

The question is really the same for all of us. Who am I? Am I for anything? What do I really believe? Where do I belong? What can I do? Who can I be? For the Christian the grand inquisitor that asks, perhaps even hounds us with these kinds of questions is God. That man Jesus, because of the way in which he was and is present keeps tantalizing us with the promise of what life can be if we give what there is of our life to who he is and what he is for.

Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, the ends of the earth are all equally important stations for the posting of his men and women. Peace Corps Vista the local school board professionals in private practice, church sponsored work, the police department, an oil company aboard, an automobile factory and many others might place us and support us but our heart and soul and "what next" are to be his and available to his mission.

For those Christian missionaries who work under church sponsorship, the standards have to be high. The same maturity in faith and ethic of love is required as for other Christians involved in mission. But because the work is Church sponsored, because the programs are priority and strategic, because financial resources are limited, the United Church Board for World Ministries must be highly selective. Even Stan Musial didn't bat a thousand, but he was major league talent. First you have to have heart— comes a willingness to give of your best and keep giving of your best. You have to be a pro— that is qualified to teach or preach or heal, develop the life of a community or increase food production. You have to get with those with whom you live and work, learn their language, appreicate their way of life, let go what's familiar, be open and thirsty for what's new. Personality resources must be sufficient to first cut loose and then stay on. You need a faith that being worth dying for is worth living for. You have to have strength and when it runs out you have to know where the Christian's real strength comes from. You have to be a "Lord I believe, help thou my unbelief" kind of person who isn't but may end up being God's gift to mankind. You've got to know that God so loves the world that you can love yourself enough so you can love your neighbor enough.

Every minister in your Conference has received a "Where Under the Sun. . ." brochure that lists the 1965 openings of the United Church Board for World Ministries. Your Conference Minister, the Chairman of the Conference and Association Committees on Church and Ministry and Christian Education have one-page job descriptions.

Perhaps you ought to stay where you are, or keep getting prepared, or get going to some where. Ask yourself. Ask your God. Perhaps then you'll want to talk to your minister, some other friend or write to the Personnel Department. United Church Board for World Ministeries, 16th floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027.

HERBERT MUENSTERMANN
Personnel Department
N. C. Board for World Ministeries

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

So Be A Wet Blanket!

Let's face it, we are losing ground . . . All of us know that more and more youths are drinking and forsaking Christian morals. Even some of us are giving in to social pressures, not wanting to be singled out, wanting to get along with everybody and needing everybody to get along with us.

But let us suppose we are all decent . . . that is the nice way out. What is our course of action as young Christians when we are surrounded by iniquity. Perhaps one of the most important steps in the path to conversion is the understanding of morals and decency.

Now what is decent . . . good . . . what is good? But maybe getting drunk and losing faculties, reason, concern is not bad and therefore good. Maybe you can do good, worship, and keep your body as a temple of God while intoxicated. **Maybe** you are making medical history! Who is kidding whom?

So we know our cross . . . but where do we bear it? And when? Most of us have many opportunities to see immorality in action. What can we do about it? Perhaps we cannot help those already lost to a winning cause. The only way to starve that cause is to deprive it of a new blood.

In this case setting an example may be inadequate and there can be no room for doubt in this war against crime. Picture yourself at a party where some drinking is involved. What are you saying if you just do not drink? Perhaps: I do not like the stuff! Maybe later! I am afraid! It is okay but I do not care for any. Now add a by-stander to your picture. What is the by-stander thinking of your refusal to drink or does he even know you turned it down? How does he know that he is not alone in his soberness?

So being good is not good enough . . . how do we help the innocent by-stander? By being openly against it, that is how! Yes! Be against what is doing its best to send nearly two thousand years of relentless crusading down an immoral drain. Could Christ have died for so few?

Step 1. Be a "wet blanket"! Not much fun? It depends on what kind of fun you want. Perhaps by showing our by-stander that his doubts and suspicions of those wrongs are shared. What is the price of giving someone else a moral chance? It is a reward-decency!

That seems like a fair bargain. Yet it is not that easy, is it? Or is it? 1,932 years ago one man thought we were worth it, but maybe we too, would crucify Him.

Noel Allen

WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL DO? . . .

Through its DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK, the Council encourages study in the churches of international affairs and worship and the arts; seeks to stimulate among Christians the application of Christian principles to economic life and racial and cultural relations; gathers and analyzes information on religious liberty; helps to coordinate the churches' health and social welfare agencies with national voluntary and government agencies; aids the denominations in planning a cooperative approach to stewardship ad benevolence...

Summer Service Opportunities — III

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE offers service to those in various types of institutions including homes for children and the aged, mental hospitals and special agencies. Participants serve as relief workers, attendants, program assistants. Discussion and study are a part of the life of the volunteer.

Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania—June 15-August 31
A team of five college age people is needed to serve as recreation assistants, craft leaders, vacation church school helpers, playground supervisers at Bethany Children's Home near Reading, Penna. The Home is a community in itself with a population of 200 children plus staff. Most of the children come from broken homes. Team will be housed at the Home. Most of service will be performed under leadership of professionally trained recreation director. Cost, $10 program fee plus travel.

CARAVANS—Volunteers come together for training for a week and then serve in teams of four. Each team usually stays in a community for one week giving particular attention to Youth Ministry. Service in camp programs is sometimes included. At the conclusion of five weeks in the field the teams come together to share and evaluate experiences.
One week programs in about 50 churches representing most sections of the country.
Thirty high school people 17 years of age and older to serve on 10 teams. Training, middle June; roundup early August both at Voluntary Service Center, Pottstown, Penna. Cost, $10 program fee plus round trip travel to the training center.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL PROJECT

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE—Regular three month summertime employment in National Park concessionaires in a variety of jobs—cabin attendants, desk clerks, cashiers, waiters, kitchen helpers, stewards, etc. In "off-time" students perform a voluntary ministry.

Requirements—College or seminary students with special skills in organization, music, athletics, discussion leaders.

Write direct for special bulletin—"Christian Ministry in National Parks." Rev. Warren Ost, Ministry in National Parks, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027

MIGRANT MINISTRY—Two or three months service for college people among migrant farm workers. Apply direct to Migrant Ministry, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

LOCAL PROJECTS IN THE UNITED STATES—A large number of projects will be carried out by local committees in various fields of service. Recruitment is often done beyond the local scene. An effort is made to bring together local groups wishing to serve and areas needing service. Information is sent upon request.

STUDENT SUMMER SERVICE—Remunerative service for college juniors and seniors who must have an income during summer service. This service is carried on in cooperation with area Conference staffs and is under this local supervision. This work will include leadership in vacation church schools, youth ministry, surveys, club programs. Travel arrangements, board and room and a small salary will be cleared with either the local conference or national office. Service will take the entire summer. Write Specialized Ministries or your local conference Office.

YEAR ROUND PROJECT

ONE YEAR VOLUNTARY SERVICE—Two months' training and ten months' service in children's or old folk's homes, inner city missions, rural life centers, hospitals, mental institutions. Expenses underwritten.

Requirements—through high school and at least 18 years of age. For older volunteers-a few opportunities for service overseas.

Write for special bulletin "Voluntary Service Is for You."

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN EXCHANGE—High school overseas exchange program. Two-way direct exchange (home-to-home); two-way indirect exchange (congregation-to-congregation); one-way project (overseas student in American home). Full year (July to July). Cost—$500 one way; $1,500 two-way.

Requirements—American applicants must be in high school and at least 16 years of age. American students and homes chosen by local church.

Write for special bulletin "Mission in the World."

WRITE:

United Church Board for Homeland Ministries
Division of Christian Education
Pottstown Rd. 2, Penna. 19464

Laymen's Rally

of the Southern Convention Churchmen's Fellowship

Sunday, Feb. 21

Elon College

Registration — 2:00 p.m.

Whitley Memorial Auditorium

$1.75 including Special Buffet Banquet

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Lock the Doors - It's Raining!

Our church at East Burlap has a new fellowship hall. Really quite nice, too. It was built thirteen years ago. They still call it "the new fellowship hall" with justifiable pride because they've carefully planned for its proper use.

Generally, the members took things as they came after the hall was finished. When the young people wanted to have Friday evening square dancing, for example, the vote was seventeen to three against the idea. The Fellowship Hall Preservation Committee agreed that the heel marks would be too hard to remove from the floor.

And when the church school asked for the hall each Sunday morning to provide better facilities for the nursery and kindergarten church school classes, the vote was eighteen to two against their using it. There was too much danger of crayon marks all over the place and all the jumping around children do might damage something.

The adult group meeting in the hall once a month felt the need for a piano. This was voted down twenty to nothing on the grounds that once the piano was in the hall, it would be moved all over the premises and leave ruts in the tile floor.

Finally, it was voted by the Fellowship Hall Preservation Committee to keep the hall closed on rainy days. The water which was carried in on shoes and clothing would probably cause warpage in the floor tiles and leave stains on the furniture.

Along the way, of course, various operating rules were spelled out by the Committee. No picture hanging (it made holes and marks). No more than seventeen teenagers in the hall at one time (more than seventeen were inclined toward rowdyism and damage could result). No one could change the burnt-out light bulbs except the three members of the Fellowship Preservation Committee's Subcommittee on the Light Bulb Replacement (the fixtures might become loose). The parisian-weave draw drapes over all of the windows could not be drawn closed at any time (the sunlight faded the colors in the daytime and the moisture stained at night.)

The East Burlap folks are quite proud of their Fellowship Hall. And they have reason to be. It's remarkably well-preserved. One never enters to find it anything but reverently peaceful. The chartreuse walls almost blend with the orchid floor tiles to provide a restfully serene atmosphere. The salmon drapes and tangerine wood trim add the final touches.

One of the first things visitors notice when they recover from the initial impression of the hall is the dedicatory plaque located in the center of the floor. This bronze plaque has just recently had brass posts placed around it with velvet cords between the posts to set it off properly. The inscription reads:

> "In memory of Sebastian Toombs who, though he never came, loved his church very much. Given for the purpose of providing a place for Christian fellowship, whatever it may mean."

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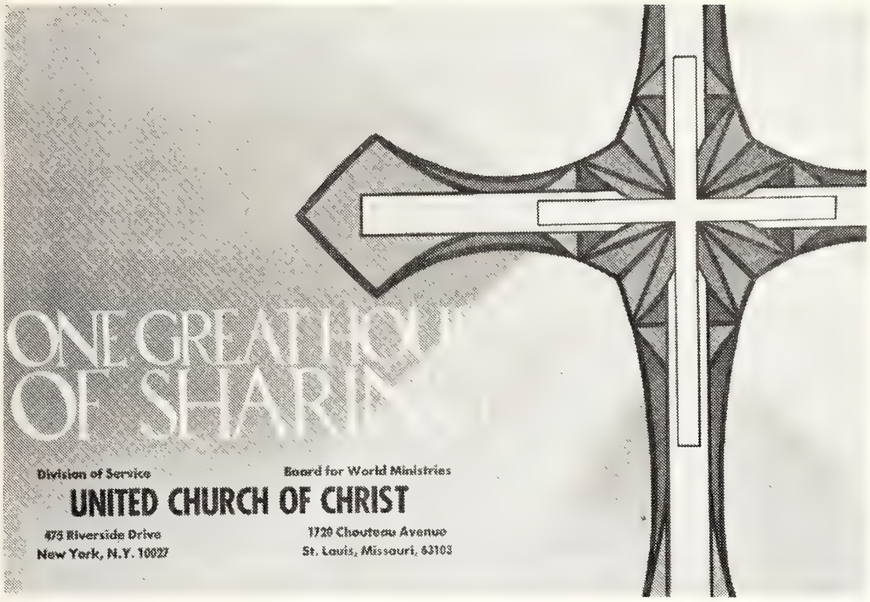

"YOU DID IT TO ME."

"I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD; I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK. . ."

In one year $300,000 given by the United Church of Christ transported and distributed over 120 million pounds of U. S. surplus foods to feed the hungry.

Food for work projects built dams to provide reservoirs of fresh water in arid wastes in Ghana.

Financial support made possible pilot projects in solar distillation on the dry island of Syme, Athens.

"I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME; I WAS NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME. . ."

Homeless refugees from India, West Pakistan, Africa, Hong Kong and other countries received food and shelter. Clothing and blankets representing a value of over $600,00, given through Material Aid programs and the United Clothing appeal, were shipped to Algeria, Alaska, and other countries where people were suffering from exposure.

"I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME; I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO ME. . ."

Antibiotics and other medicines were included in supplies sent in response to over forty calls for emergency aid last year.

Rehabilitation and comfort were given to Arab refugees imprisoned in compounds that provide little to sustain life or spirit. Help was even given to people behind the Iron Curtain.

"TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, AS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE, MY BRETHREN, YOU DID IT TO ME."

Christ identified himself with the hungry and thirsty, the stranger and the naked, the sick and the imprisoned. He chose to call them his brethren.

This partial account of one year's service administered through the Division of World Service of the United Church of Christ shows that our church has responded to Christ's impelling words. Through the One Great Hour of Sharing appeal we support this service of compassion; however, only 3,232 of the 8,000 churches of the United Church of Christ participated in the 1964 appeal. Imagine the service we could render if we achieved a 90% participation. Be sure your church is a part of this fellowship of compassion.

Promotional materials for One Great Hour of Sharing can be secured free of charge from the Central Distribution Service, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102, or from the Division of World Service, United Church of Christ, 1720 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. /KJ

Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. /RSV

If anyone leads astray one of these little children who believe in me he would be better off thrown into the depths of the sea with a millstone hung around his neck! /Phillips

The responsibility Christians bear for children and young people is one of the most demanding we face. This is a four-fold task. It is imperative that we fulfill this responsibility in its wholeness and not content ourselves with partial response to the needs of the young in our midst.

There is a physical task to be performed — provision for bodily nourishment, opportunity for a healthful balance of work, rest and play. From the perspective of scriptures, the body is the temple of God and to be respected and cared for as such.

Food for the mind, which both satisfies and stimulates, meets the needs of a growing mind and encourages continuing intellectual growth . . . these are a part of the second aspect of our responsibility. It is the mind through which faith is nurtured. Without a habit of clean, wholesome attitudes, without well-used thought processes, the nurture of a significant faith is stunted.

Attention must be given to the deep needs of the individual —love, security, personal faith, freedom from destructive fear and anxiety. Basic to all of life is the need for a realization of purposeful existence which has to be met satisfactorily before the fulness of life takes on its richness and wonder.

And the final task is the most difficult. We are called to be living examples of the qualities we seek to develop in our children and young people. Respect of our bodies. Purity of mind. Outgoing and active faith in a secure relationship with God.

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Thoughts For Brotherhood Week

By Dwight W. Moore

I reached out to clasp a hand,
    To feel the touch that says
    "I know who you are."
    But there was no hand to meet it.
    Only a glance that would not look me in the eye,
    A hurried step to pass me by,
    And a shoulder turned the other way.

In that moment death stung the air.
    When hands do not meet
    It means that the world of people is not real,
    That I am alone in the universe which is my soul,
    Captive to the prison of my flesh.
    For life that is lived alone is not life at all
    But only a clock whose heartbeat measures
        passing time.

Is there hope beyond this death?
    Resurrection lends faith
    That communion is not destroyed,
    And yet again that friendship's fire shall be
        rekindled
    To burn more brightly still
    Because of the test it has endured.

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Women's Fellowship President At Long's Chapel

On February 9th, **Mrs. Robert Kimball,** President of the Southern Convention Women's Fellowship, was guest speaker for the Long's Chapel Women's Fellowship. Following a covered dish supper, Mrs. Kimball brought a program centering on the Home Missions theme for this year: **Spanish Speaking Americans.**

Help For Using The Bible

The American Bible Society, with offices at 1435 G St. N. W., Washington 5, D. C., will gladly make available to churches of the Southern Convention a most attractive brochure, "God's Word for a New Age — Plans for Using the Scripture." Very helpful suggestions for distribution and use of the Bible are contained in the brochure. The American Bible Society will also make available to pastor and churches the 1965 catalogue of modest priced Bibles and Bible portions for use in the local church. Please write to The American Bible Society at the address above for copies needed. The American Bible Society has been distributing Bibles and Bible portions since 1816. The Society has a rich heritage of faithfulness in making the Bible known to millions of people around the world.

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FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

M. O. R. E.

M. O. R. E. means "Mission on Renewal and Evangelism." Surely, this is a need of the churches of the Southern Convention at this hour. The institutional church has been under heavy attack from its critics. Many are saying that the institutional church has lost its effectiveness to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Many critics are accusing us of being concerned with church work, rather than the work of the church. Could this be true?

"Mission on Renewal and Evangelism" is an attempt on the part of a local church to study its evangelistic and missionary purposes. Are we organized for service, or self satisfaction? "Mission on Renewal and Evangelism" requires sufficient time for a church to examine its organization and purposes. Every church should be eagerly seeking to discover its effectiveness as a part of Christ's body.

A part of the "Mission on Renewal and Evangelism" is concerned with the proclamation of the gospel during a week beginning October 4, 1965. A visiting missioner (evangelist) could be invited to the local church to preach and lead in Bible Study. The congregation would share in the spiritual enrichment of such a week.

During this mission week, beginning October 4th, ministers of the area churches participating in the "Mission on Renewal and Evangelism" would gather in the morning for prayer, Bible Study, and meditation. Ministers' lives would be enriched. A guest leader provided by our denomination would be present to lead in the Bible study and prayer sessions. This would prove a tremendous spiritual influence in the life of our churches.

Rev. Bill Simmons is assuming the staff responsibility in the Southern Convention for enlisting and enrolling churches in the M.O.R.E. program. Letters have been sent to each pastor requesting their participation. Very few have responded in the affirmative. Each Conference Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism has sought to enroll churches in this evangelistic effort to deepen the spiritual lives of the people of our congregations. Very few have enrolled. Do we lack a concern for evangelism?

I have long been a staunch advocate of evangelism in the truest sense. When the church loses its missionary, evangelistic passion, it is no longer a church. I have been somewhat disappointed in the slowness in which our churches have enrolled in this wonderful program of evangelistic opportunity. How can we do other than die if we fail to engage in our primary task as evangelists? How can a church grow spiritually and numerically when it fails to seize every opportunity to witness effectively to the gospel of Jesus Christ?

I would call on our ministers, Boards of Deacons, and church leaders to take seriously the **Mission on Renewal and Evangelism.** This is an excellent program, designed to help a modern church understand its nature and mission.

Please send in your enrollment blank to Rev. Bill Simmons, or your Conference Chairman of Evangelism, at once. Let us move ahead in this effort to witness effectively to the gospel of Jesus Christ in our time.

Clyde L. Fields

J. Russell Chandran At Duke

Dr. J. Russell Chandran, Principal of the United Theological College at Bangalore, South India, and visiting professor of World Christianity, Union Theological Seminary in New York City, will be a special lecturer in Missions at the Duke Divinity School, February 22-24, 1965.

Dr. Chandran has declared that the missionary motivation of the gospel has not ceased, in spite of the rise of non-Christian religions and in spite of many who cry, "Missionary, go home!" Missions and the missionary are still needed in many places of the world. Dr. Chandran declared that the purpose of the gospel is to confront men with Christ. He further declared that the imperative of Christ to preach the gospel is still the primary imperative of the Christian and the Church today.

It is interesting to note that Dr. Chandran is Principal of a school which benefits from a scholarship fund provided by the Southern Convention some years ago and called the "Atkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund". Dr. J. O. Atkinson was the beloved Missions Secretary of the Southern Convention for many years, and the scholarship fund was given in his memory. The fund was invested as an endowment, and the interest provides scholarships on an annual basis.

Many Christians of modest means are now providing for the ongoing of Christian work through setting aside of life insurance policies, making provision in Wills, or in various other ways providing for the ongoing of the work of Christian colleges, mission boards, churches, and other Christian organizations.

1964 Apportionment

A church by church record of payment on apportionment is printed in this issue of THE SUN. We call it to the attention of pastors, treasurers, and members of our churches

Each of the Conferences showed a decrease in Apportionment giving for 1964 as compared with 1963, with the exception of the Virginia Valley Conference. Please note the following comparison, Conference by Conference for the years '63 and '64:

CONFERENCE	YEAR	O.C.W.M.	O.C.W.M.PD.	SPECIALS
Virginia Valley	63	$16,152	$12,011.95	$ 296.50
	64	15,311	12,222.59	696.86
Eastern Virginia	63	78,377	66.553.10	2.833.83
	64	78,930	63.906.07	5,287.58
Eastern N. C.	63	35,118	27,706.88	3,016.93
	64	35,105	25,424.17	2,635.46
Western N. C.	63	24,942	19,090.03	153.50
	64	25,057	18,915.22	949.80
N. C. & Virginia	63	76,921	62,073.06	9,084.03
	64	77,953	59,925.82	11.291.17

The need for O.C.W.M. support for the Southern Convention and our wider work is especially acute during January, February, March. Receipts from churches are normally low for this period. We would urgently request local churches to send in regular remittances on apportionment on a monthly basis beginning in January if at all possible.

Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent

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(ACTING CONFERENCE. UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST)

REPORT OF RECEIPTS FOR APPORTIONMENT

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

TOTALS FOR 1964

CONFERENCE: Eastern Virginia

Churches	1964 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Antioch	576	576.00		63.58
Barrett's	93	—	93.00	—
Bayside	2,349	581.29	1,767.71	84.00
Berea (N.)	1,498	1,250.00	248.00	219.25
Beth. (Dist.)	372	300.00	72.00	
Beth. (N.)	4,079	4,345.42	—	530.64
Burton's Gr.	214	215.00	—	17.46
Centerville	206	206.00	—	15.00
Cypress C.	2,008	2,008.00	—	60.15
Sunbury, D.	1,002	200.00	802.00	10.00
Dendron	197	303.60	—	47.25
Eure, N. C.	1,347	600.00	747.00	25.40
Franklin	3,127	2,884.00	243.00	495.50
Hunterdale	2,150	1,970.82	179.18	106.30
Great Brid.	2,815	2.700.00	115.00	185.00
Holland	1,820	1,820.00	—	105.33
Holy Neck	1,837	1,625.00	212.00	25.00
Hopewell	686	500.00	186.00	31.30
Isle of Wight	458	458.00	—	79.00
Liberty S.	2,334	2,361.00	—	55.82
Lynnhaven	1,545	—	1,545.00	124.16
Mt. Carmel	899	899.00	—	31.50
Mt. Zion	499	368.00	131.00	20.00
New Lebanon	64	—	64.00	—
Newport N	4,073	4,073.00	—	131.43
Bayview	1,867	1,867.00	—	—
Central	968	40.00	928.00	—
Chris. Tem.	6,442	6,442.00	—	787.41
Little Creek	535	25.00	510.00	29.19
Oak Grove	229	229.00	29.00	10.00
Oakland	2,594	2,594.00	—	332.00
Pembroke Manor		25.00	—	—
Port., First	1,411	1,098.51	312.49	—
Port., S. M.	1,380	1080.00	300.00	55.26
Ports., Un.	1,270	25.00	1,245.00	—
Prince Geo.	442	442.00	—	48.50
Rich., 1st	1,726	992.00	734.00	88.50
S. Norfolk	4.262	2,130.00	2,132.00	516.10
Rosemont	4,634	5,000.00	—	393.84
Spring Hill	244	[illegible]	—	—
Suffolk C.	7,973	5,880.00	2,093.00	300.00
Union (Sur.)	119	119.00	—	—
First, Va. B.	992	383.31	608.69	65.21
Wakefield	599	227.00	432.00	—
Warwick	1,780	1,555.00	225.00	84.90
Waverly	1,553	1,553.00	—	54.28
Windsor	1,662	1,677.25	—	58.82
Totals	78,930	63,906.07	15,965.07	5,287.58

CONFERENCE: Virginia Valley

Churches	1964 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Antioch	874	874.00	—	29.58
Bethel	1648	1,291.00	357.00	105.06
Bethlehem	1581	1,537.00	44.00	40.50
Beulah	196	196.00	—	25.00
Concord	263	263	—	—
Dry Run	343	190.00	153.00	25.00
Leaksville	1176	1,176.00	—	32.50
Linville	977	489.00	483.00	17.76
Mayland	544	250.00	294.00	—
Mt. Lebanon	768	400.00	368.00	5.00
Mt. Oliv. (G)	422	375.00	47.00	33.36
Mt. Oli. (R)	1407	1,136.00	271.00	19.33
New Hope	368	320.00	48.00	13.00
Newport	1268	870.00	398.00	—
Palmyra	398	394.00	4.00	—
Winchester	2000	2,000.00	—	301.02
Timber Rid.	778	411.59	386.41	49.75
Valley Cent.	300	50.00	250.00	—
Totals	15,311	12,222.59	3,108.41	696.36

CONFERENCE: North Carolina and Va.

Churches	1964 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Special
Apple's C.	2,712	2,712.00	—	121.55
Asheville	2,029	1,134.25	894.75	—
Belew Cr.	650	650.00	—	—
Berea	526	135.00	391.00	—
Bethel	991	991.00	—	29.95
Bethlehem	1,774	1,500.00	274.00	—
Burl., 1st	6,166	6,302.14	—	650.43
Bev. Hills	2,369	2,369.00	—	172.41
Edgewood	582	250.00	332.00	—
Lakeview	582	40.00	542.00	—
Concord	666	666.00	—	18.50
Carolina	906	906.00	—	40.35
Danville	3,485	706.64	2,778.36	60.00
Durham	3,268	3,300.00	—	211.64
Elon Col.	3,114	3,114.30	—	205.74
Gibsonville	683	225.00	483.00	
Graham, P.	1,192	556.00	636.00	10.00
Calvary	423	62.00	361.00	10.00
G'boro., C.	6,602	6,615.18	—	3,679.18
Palm St.	2,234	2,284.00	—	75.00
St. Peter's	635	52.75	582.25	—
Happy Ho.	1,519	—	1,519.00	37.54
Haw River	1,472	600.00	872.00	60.05
Hebron	326	100.00	226.00	—
Henderson.	1,788	600.00	1,138.00	29.75
Hines' C.	1,441	1,441.00	—	260.77
Hopedale	582	582.00	—	17.00
Howard's C.	249	—	249.00	22.00
Ingram	936	—	936.00	65.00
Kallam Gr.	377	377.00	30.00	— —
Lebanon	659	100.00	559.00	—
Liberty, V.	1,047	—	1,047.00	50.46
Long's C.	1,347	1,347.00	—	24.00
Lynchburg	605	—	605.00	—
Mebane	125	125.00	—	34.00
Monticello	969	969.00	—	113.12
Mt. Bethel	500	453.00	47.00	—
Mt. Zion	1,316	1,316.00	—	41.50
N. Lebanon	1,077	924.15	152.85	—
Pfafftown	799	599.50	199.50	17.46
Pleasant G.	1,047	200.00	847.00	32.38
Pleas. Ridge	442	442.00	—	75.20
Reidsville	4,229	3,575.91	765.00	3,316.55
Rocky Ford	280	25.00	255.00	—
Salem Cha.	644	500.00	144.00	—
Shallow F.	1,472	700.00	772.00	39.50
S. Bost., C.	1,169	400.00	769.00	54.39
Tryon	3,500	3,850.00	—	1,429.65
Union R.	2,757	2,760.00	—	161.43
W-S, Park.	990	990.00	—	—
Zion	319	100.00	219.00	22.65
Elk Spur				
Virgilina	2,278	2,278.00	—	100.87
Totals	77,953	59,925.82	18,675.71	11,291.17

CONFERENCE: Western North Carolina

Churches	1964 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Special
Albemarle	1,987	1,987.00	—	30.36
Antioch (C)	481	481.00	—	—
Antioch (R)	474	237.00	237.00	—
Asheboro	1,806	1,806.00	—	46.12
Bailey's Gr.	132	—	132.00	—
Bennett	49	—	49.00	—
Big Oak	515	76.83	440.17	—
Biscoe	187	50.00	137.00	—
Brown's C.	508	—	508.00	—
Ether	419	314.76	105.24	—
Flint H. (M)	305	—	305.00	—
Flint H. (R)	274	185.00	89.00	9.26
Grace's Cha.	687	114.39	572.61	—
Hanks' C.	1,635	1,099.00	594.00	336,92
High Point	732	732.00	—	35.65
Liberty	744	744.00	—	70.00
Mt. Pleasant	502	502.00	4.00	—
Need. G.	577	577.00	—	—
New Center	271	—	271.00	—
Pleasant Cr.	508	508.00	—	9.00
Pleasant G.	1,314	200.00	1,114.00	5.50
Pleas. H.	1,782	1,782.00	—	—
Pleasant R.	1,538	1,538.00	—	182.80
Pleasant Un.	412	412.00	—	—
Provid. C.	170	—	170.00	—
Ramseur	1,033	800.00	233.00	22.00
Randleman	1,176	957.24	218.76	—
Northview	407	250.00	157.00	18.35
Seagrove	551	551.00	3.00	49.14
Shady Grove	274	50.00	224.00	—
Shiloh	247	—	247.00	—
Smithwood	794	794.00	—	30.38
Sophia	636	694.00	—	52.00
Spoon's Cha.	400	363.00	37.00	18.25
Union Gr.	640	640.00	—	12.36
Zion	890	470.00	702.00	21.71
Patterson's G.				
Parks' Cr. Rds.				
Center Gr.				
Total	25,057	18,915.22	6,549.78	949.80

CONFERENCE: Eastern North Carolina

Churches	1964 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Amelia	1,040	1,040.00	—	16.44
Antioch	333	333.00	—	—
Auburn	709	364.50	344.50	10.00
Bethel	177	30.00	147.00	—
Bethlehem	357	357.00	—	11.50
Beulah	886	886.00	—	281.75
C. Hill, U.	1,320	1,195.00	—	127.87
Chris. Cha.	211	—	211.00	—
Christian L.	605	—	605.00	—
Clayton	466	93.00	373.00	33.82
Damascus	490	490.00	—	15.00
Ebenezer	709	100.00	633.00	—
Fayetteville	1,035	865.00	170.00	19.40
Fuller Cha.	758	758.00	—	80.00
Garner, Trin.	658	—	658.00	—
Good Hope	270	245.00	25.00	—
Hayes Cha.	521	400.00	401.00	25.00
Hend, 1st	2,271	2,271.00	—	—
Hope Mills	233	233.00	—	—
Lee's Chap.	402	325.00	77.00	—
Liberty V.	2,049	1,150.00	899.00	28.00
Martha's C.	175	150.00	25.00	—
Moore Union	387	102.00	285.00	—
Morrisville	181	181.00	—	—
Mt. Auburn	720	756.00	—	78.50
Mt. Carmel	290	—	290.00	—
Mt. Gilead	448	448.00	—	40.00
Mt. Hermon	378	—	378.00	—
New Elam	926	100.00	826.00	—
New Hope	725	55.89	669.11	29.72
Niagara	94	50.00	44.00	—
Oak Level	504	451.00	53.00	10.50
Piney Plain	896	301.00	595.00	32.20
Pleasant Hill	238	22.00	216.00	—
Pleasant Un.				
Plymouth	513	255.00	261.00	—
Pope's Cha.	424	426.00	—	50.00
Raleigh, U.	2,134	2,134.00	—	40.16
Sanford	2,109	2.109.00	—	39.57
Shallow W.	1,994	1,223.00	955.00	95.00
South. P.	2,600	2,600.00	—	134.48
Turner's C.	583	63.00	520.00	—
Wake Cha.	2,460	2,480.15	—	1,436.55
Wentworth	587	142.63	444.37	—
Youngsville	239	239.00	—	—
Lebanon				
Six Forks				
O'Kelly's Cha.				
Catawba S.				
Totals	35,105	25,424.17	10,104.98	2,635.46

The United Church Assembly

Over 600 leaders of the United Church of Christ met at French Lick, Indiana, January 30-February 3rd, for sessions of prayer, study, work, and planning. Those in attendance from our area included: Dr and Mrs. Donald Dearborn, Rev. J. Taylor Stanley, Dr. Banks J. Peeler, Rev. Harold Myers, Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Dr. W. T. Scott, Sr., Dr. J. Earl Danieley, Mrs. F. C. Lester, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Rev. Bill Simmons, and Superintendent Clyde Fields.

The United Church Assembly is held annually as a work session for the instrumentalities (Boards) of the United Church of Christ, Conference Ministers, Area and National leaders.

The major part of the day is given to work sessions of the various groups. The evening sessions are devoted to general meetings for worship, praise, inspiration, and major addresses by world leaders such as Dr. Alford Carleton, Executive Vice-President of the Board for World Ministries, Dr. J. Russell Chandran, Bangalore, South India; and a host of other national and world leaders.

One of the major addresses was given by Dr. J. Russell Chandran, Principal of United Theological College, Bangalore, South India, who is on a year's leave as visiting professor of World Christianity at Union Theological Seminary, New York City. I had the privilege of discussing Mr. Chandran's work in India and learned that the Atkinson Memorial Scholarship fund provided by the Southern Convention some years ago is still providing scholarship aid for alert young Indian students at the United Theological College. Dr. J. O. Atkinson was the beloved Mission Secretary of the Southern Convention for many years, and the scholarship fund was provided in his memory, "He being dead, yet speaketh".

Another highlight of the United Church Assembly was the excellent sermon given by Dr. Ben M. Herbster, Present of United Church of Christ, on Tuesday evening, February 2nd. Dr. Herbster stressed the tremendous power of the gospel to accomplish the work so desperately needed by our distraught. world. Dr. Herbster called on the United Church of Christ to be faithful to this gospel and proclaim it with power.

The work and program of the United Church of Christ for 1964 was discussed and reports given of progress and difficulties. The stewardship of our United Church of Christ for 1964 left something to be desired. The total contributions of people of our churches for all purposes showed only a 1.5% increase over 1963. However, the giving of our churches to the work of the instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ showed a decrease of $550.000. over 1963. This caused some concern and heart searching on the part of the leaders of the church assembled.

Ways were sought to make the United Church of Christ more truly a servant church during 1965. We have been undergoing reorganization and change in the merger process. It is now time for the United Church of Christ to gird itself for mission and service.

In this year of transition for the Southern Convention, as we participate in a fellowship type Southern Conference, let us join together in a vigorous affirmation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us lend ourselves in faithful obedience to the mission of Christ and His church in our local community, in our state, and through our instrumentalities around the world. There is too much work to do for us to be preoccupied with things less worthy. Christ calls us to faithful service. Let us heed His call.

Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

A "Family" Hospital

"Because . . . . the whole family often comes with the patient we can do considerable teaching here . . . ."

Ruby Merkle and I will be spending our Christmas here in Tilda. The students look to us to provide the homey atmosphere for their Christmas, for only the first year students get a chance to go home for Christmas. We are expecting Pauline King, from Vellore, to spend her holidays with us. She promises to give us some encouragement and help along the public health line. Our main problem, though, is time and staff. Our work in the hospital has increased 50% in the past 3 years, both in the indoor and outdoor clinic patients. We just don't have time to go to the villages. Our Doctors, Mr. and Mrs. Deshmukh are also working around the clock, and they need the help of another doctor for the hospital work, without considering work in the villages. And yet, so much of the illness and suffering we see, just should never be. We must make provision for the preventive side of our medical work, Because we are a "family" hospital,--i.e. the whole family often comes with the patient we can do considerable teaching here, and we have seen some results, particularly among the babies who have been born here. The mothers bring them to show them off, and bring them early if they are ill. Ruby also wishes that she had more time, for the obstetrical work has increased, keeping her and her four midwifery students more than busy.

Miss Ruth Hofsteter
Tilda, India

M. O. R. E. For North Carolina And Virginia Conference

This is an urgent "call" to the ministers of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference to get their churches enrolled in the M.O.R.E. movement by March 1st, 1965. We urge you to present this project to the official bodies of your church for approval. We must have these enrollment blanks in order to determine the areas of work to which the Division of Evangelism will assign Area Directors. We must have at least fifteen churches enrolled in a given area for an Area Director assignment. If we can't get this many churches enrolled we will not be able to participate in the M.O.R.E. movement.

Please see to it that this matter is brought to the attention of your people as soon as possible. Lay people who may read this notice should call their minister's attention to it and ask him to present it to the church for decision. Remember the deadline is March 1st. Since the M.O.R.E. movement is scheduled to begin March 3rd, we must have your church's enrollment by March 1st. Send your enrollment to the Chairman of your Conference Committee on Evangelism.

Kenneth D. Register, Chairman
721 N. Church St.,
Burlington, N. C.

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The parsonage of the Edgewood United Church of Christ, Burlington, has been sold recently and plans are now being drawn for the new parsonage to be constructed.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

Long's Chapel & Liberty Spring

February 7th was observed as Youth Sunday at Liberty Spring Christian Church, Suffolk, and Long's Chapel United Church of Christ, Burlington. The theme for the Suffolk service was **Evidences Of God As Seen By Youth Of Today.** At Long's Chapel, the Boy Scouts shared in a worship service planned around the concern **Youth Faces Today.**

At Long's Chapel the following individuals took part in the service: Jill Carey, Freddie Blanchard, Mike Sledge, Don Faulkner, Sarah Jane Anderson, Lynn Rudd, Lyn Hopkins, Judy Wyatte, Janet Sledge, Wesley Anderson, Donna Faulkner and Wat Hopkins.

At Liberty Spring, Janet Lynch, Michael Brinkley, Linda Presley, Butch Holland, Larry Perry, Joel Harrell III, were the participants. More and more of our Southern Convention churches are taking time to share these kind of leadership responsibilities with their youth. No finer way can be found to testify to the vitality and genuine interest which young people will have, given encouragement and a chance to use their abilities with sound guidance.

Burlington Interdenominational Youth Meeting

Sunday, February 7, at 3 o'clock an inter-denominational youth meeting was held at the Macedonia Lutheran church in Burlington. The meeting was sponsored by the youth group at the Macedonia church.

Reverend H. L. Whiteside welcomed the visiting groups from churches in the Burlington area. Then the leader of the Macedonia youth group, Ann Lentz, gave directions for various discussion groups.

In the discussion groups the Youth Week theme, "Songs for a Small Planet", was the main topic. Each group was led by a pastor with a "Scientist" as reference. Reverend T. E. Bollinger from Holy Comforter Episcopal, Reverend C. V. Bryant from Grace Methodist, Reverend B. W. Cox from Hocutt Memorial Baptist, and Reverend K. M. Misenheimer from Westview Presbyterian were the group leaders. The reference scientists were: Dr. Luther Arnold, a chemist for the Vikon Chemical Company; Dr. R. A. Fewell, M. D.; Mr. C. T. Foster, Jr., a teacher at Williams High School; and Mr. R. H. Harris, from Western Electric Company.

After each group had discussed the topic using the Psalm 139 as a guide they went for refreshments supplied by the Macedonia church.

Next came a fine service climaxed by an interesting sermon from Dr. J. Earl Danieley, President of Elon College, who spoke on the Youth Week theme.

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"Missions of Life" was the tittle of a six-part presentation by young people at **The United Congregational Christian Church of Portsmouth** on Youth Sunday, January 31. Susan Keast, Diane Cahoon, Virginia Carlsen, Betty Howell, Linda Rose and Gordon Oakes shared in this meditation. Others in the sevice were Raymond Lesoine, Steve Turner, Jimmy Baker, Judy Smith.

Predestination

Before you think very much on this subject you ought to take a few pages of the **Bible** in some concentrated faith. The trouble with thinking about such a thing as predestination, which appears to challenge one of the most important factors in our Christian religion, is that we are many times afraid to discuss what we must discuss in order not to be afraid.

Are we automatons? Are we predestined or precalculated so that our every action, decision, thought, or emotion was planned in advance? Was the very writing and reading of this article? Was the laugh you just gave likewise predetermined?

Do not say "of course not" yet!

If God is infinite, as we believe He is, then in being infinite in ability He should be able to look into the future and control it, shouldn't He? If you say no, then you are limiting the almighty and infinite power of God. But, if you say "yes".......

As recorded in the Old Testament, prophets, inspired by God foretold the coming of Jesus. The future was foretold through men by God. Like so many other cases in the Bible this special case shows that God could control a future happening.

Then, if He can do this He undoubtedly **can** control our future! That shoots our whole religion. Why do good if we are already planned? Why have heaven or satan when what we do is not what our will does but what was planned for us to do?

It might be nice to say that and go about one's immorally merry way. While one can conceive the idea of God having the ability to plan our every thought and action it is not so easy (if possible) to explain why this all-powerful God would send a Savior, Jesus Christ, into the world to save a few billion automatons.

Throughout the **Bible** we can find evidence that He can control or precalculate our lives. But the same time we find the much greater proof that He cares for us and wishes for us to do good. Since the beginning He has done good for us.

Perhaps, then, the answer to the challenge of predestination lies in the words "can" and "does". He **does** do good things to us. He does give us food, love, and beauty. But He **can** move the future. He has planned a very small part of it to serve a purpose; it has been to try to teach mankind right from wrong.

It is illogical to think that God would try to do all these things for us if we were predestined to be good or bad. Furthermore, what purpose would a mass of programmed robots fulfill? The hardest question to study is why we are here. (That is **we** representing the human race) But there has to be a purpose. Again, God would not be going so far out of His way to save us from sin if we had no purpose. Then, though God has the power to make the future, He does not have to use it. When He does use it, it is only to help us fulfill our purpose.

Although this may sound as a good theory, it has too many "if's" and "why's" to make it even close to a definite answer. If there is a finite answer then God will give it to us when we need it. But for now we are welcome to His kindest answer -- Faith.

Noel Allen

"Faith is the subtle chain
That binds us to the Infinite: the voice
Of a deep life within". / Elizabeth Oakes Smith
"Faith is a higher faculty than reasoning".
Philip James Bailey

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The Pilgrim Fellowship of the **First United Church of Christ, Randleman,** visited the PF of the **Sophia United Church of Christ** on January 24 to share in their program.

REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Virginia Valley Conference	—
Eastern Virginia Conference	41.86
Eastern North Carolina Conference	—
Western North Carolina Conference	29.50
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	81.00
Total	$152.36
Special Offerings	
Women's Association, Eliot Church, Roxbury, Mass.	10.00
Mayflower Circle, People's Congregational Church, Jupiter, Florida	10.00
Women's Get-To-Gether Club, Third Congregational Church, Waterbury, Connecticut	10.00
New Hope Christian Church, Roanoke, Alabama	10.00
Oakland Church Women's Fellowship, Suffolk, Va.	12.00
Esther C. Dunn, Burlington, N. C.	5.00
First Cong. Church, Amica Class, Stoneham, Mass.	20.00
Union Cong. Sunday School, Elcho, Wisconsin	33.31
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mrs. Alice Eubanks Lloyd	
In Memory of Mrs. M. Z. Rhodes	
In Memory of Miss Wilmer Holt	
In Memory of Mr. Oscar S. Chandler	
In Memory of Mrs. Lottie Y. Cosler	
In Memory of Mrs. Nila Nash Lester	
Total Memorial Gifts	37.00
Special Offerings	456.01
Total	$603.32
Total for the Week	$755.68

Newport News Cooperative Effort

A School Of Mission Study

The First United Church of Christ and the Warwick Congregational Christian Church (UCC) have joined together during the month of February for an adventure in growth together.

Every Sunday evening in February, from 6:00 until 8:00, families of the two congregations share together in a school of study on the world mission of the church. This year the theme is **THE CHURCH'S MISSION AMONG NEW NATIONS.** Opportunity is provided for every age group using materials of the Friendship Press. Study sessions are:

Adult ---**The Nation And The Kingdom**
Led by Rev. Carl Wallace and Rev. Victor Hayes

Senior High --- **This Rocket Called Freedom**
Led by Miss Judith Coffman, Mr. & Mrs. Don Bowen

Junior High --- **Look Up Free**
Led by Mrs. Carl Wallace and Mrs. Victor Hayes

Junior --- **New Flags Flying**
Led by Mrs. Frank Cannon and Mrs. Roscoe Warren

Primary---**The Boy Who Couldn't Talk**
Led by Mrs. J. J. Bryant and Mrs. Dillyn Elder

Pre-school --- **Children Of Other Lands**
Led by Mrs. John Higginbotham and Mrs. Donald Komarek

Leadership is from each church on a team basis Sessions are being held at the Warwick Church. Supper and Keynote presentation open the school each Sunday evening. Class periods follow and an assembly completes the time together.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

DEAR FRIENDS:

Occasionally, I am asked why ones church did not appear in our list of churches who supported us in our Thanksgiving Drive. We can list only those churches who send directly to the Home. The churches who sent their Thanksgiving offering through the Convention Office have their gifts acknowledged by that office. When we receive it, it is placed under the name of the Conference of which the giving church happens to be a member.

We are certainly just as grateful to these churches as we are to those who send their Thanksgiving offering directly to us. In order that all of the churches might be listed on our Children's page, we are listing this week those churches that we have received Thanksgiving offerings from through the Convention Office. These offerings have come to us from the first of November through the last of November.

NORTH CAROLINA & VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

Howard's Chapel
Union (Va.)
Burlington First
Elon College
Greensboro First
Hines Chapel
Ingram
Pleasant Grove
Reidsville
South Boston
Zion
New Lebanon

EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

Berea (Nansemound)
Burton's Grove
Newport News
Warwick
Oakland
Bethlehem (Nansemond)
Dendron
Liberty Springs
Franklin

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Piney Plains
New Hope
Bethlehem
Shallow Well
Wake Chapel
Clayton
Beulah

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Liberty
Smithwood
Hanks Chapel
Seagrove
Sophia

VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE

Newport
Timber Ridge
Winchester
Mt. Olivet (G)

According to our records, these churches plus those who have been listed on our page under Thanksgiving Offering are the ones who contributed during this past special emphasis season. If there should be an error, please be in touch with us so that we might properly note your church'es offering to our Home during this past Thanksgiving emphasis period.

We are much encouraged by the continued interest and support of our churches, its organizations and various individual members. With this increased interest and support, we can more adequately serve the needs of those in our care.

Sincerly yours,
Walstein W. Snyder

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St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Greensboro, began using new Pilgrim Hymnals which they dedicated January 24. These hymnals were given to the church by the Division of Church Extension of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

ON THE EDGE

Mrs. William T. Scott was program leader at **First Christian Church (UCC), Burlington,** on February 8. The title of the presentation was "New Nations In Africa". A covered dish luncheon followed.

A "Church Year Celebrations Committee" has been established at the **Bayview United Church of Christ, Norfolk,** to help the fellowship become more conscious of the events of the church year. One focal point of its work has been the creative, imaginative use of the communion table, eg., special advent candles, partridge-in-a-pear-tree arrangement.

The February Family Night observance at **The Christian Temple, Norfolk,** was held February 8 . . . the current Home Mission study emphasis of our denomination, "Spanish Americans", was the theme for the evening.

Homecoming Sunday was celebrated at **Lynnhaven Colony United Church of Christ, Virginia Beach,** in spite of severe snow and high tides which cut off part of the parish from the church. Phone greetings were received from Rev. Sam D. Nelson, Jr., and Dr. H. S. Hardcastle.

The Pilgrim Fellowship from the **Suffolk Christian Church** went to meet with the youth at **Oakland Christian Church, Chuckatuck,** on February 14.

Three youth groups are in the process of organization at **Shallow Well Congregational Christian Church, Sanford.** First meetings are scheduled to be held in February.

Mrs. Theo W. Kelley was guest speaker for the Morning Circle at the **First Congregational Christian Church, Richmond,** on January 26. The program centered about The Interfaith Council, its purposes and goals.

A Mission Banquet was held at **Liberty Vance United Church of Christ, Henderson,** on February 16, using the theme "Our Spanish Speaking Americans". This Banquet is an annual program planned to emphasize some aspect of our national missions outreach.

M.O.R.E. committee appointments have been made at **Beverly Hills United Church of Christ in Burlington.** Responsibilities will include Prayer, Visitation, Telephone, Public Relations, and Hospitality.

Miss Dineke Hietbrink, Elon Student from Holland, was guest speaker for the Women's Felowship at **Monticello United Church of Christ** in January. She told of her native land and showed slides to illustrate her presentation.

The Rev. G. Melvin Palmer, pastor of **Peace United Church of Christ, Greensboro,** is the author of an article appearing in the recent issue of **United Church Herald** dealing with involvement. It is pertinent and has much to say to us in terms of where we are and what we say we are.

Rev. John Carey, college pastor at Durham, was guest preacher at **Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ, Gibsonville,** during late January and early February. Mr. Jerry Moore, student at Elon College, spoke at the morning worship service on February 14.

Young people at **Liberty Spring Church, Suffolk,** took over the following church school duties at the beginning of Youth Week in January: led adult and children's classes, assumed responsibilities of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Secretary.

Race Relations Sunday was observed on February 14, by the **United Church of Raleigh,** with a Union Service in cooperation with Davie Street Presbyterian Church and First Congregational Church, both in Raleigh. The new minister at Davie Street Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Frank Hutchinson, was preacher for the service held at the United Church.

R. W. Roschy Called To Southern Pines

Rev. Robert W. Roschy was elected by a unanimous vote to become the Pastor of the United Church of Christ of Southern Pines (Church of Wide Fellowship) at a recent Congregational Meeting. He will assume his new duties as the Pastor of the Church on March 1st. He comes to the United Church of Christ from an active Pastorate at First Reformed United Church of Christ in Burlington, N. C. He will succeed the Rev. Carl Wallace who resigned December 31st to assume his new duties at the United Church of Christ at Newport News, Va.

Mr. Roschy served pastorates in Pennsylvania before coming to North Carolina. He was at one time an Executive Sec'y. for the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Born in Emlenton, Penna. where he was educated in the Public Schools, he graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. and the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the same city where he received the B. D. degree in 1934. He has also studied at Mt. Airy (Lutheran) Seminary in Germantown, Pa. and the Episcopal Divinity School of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Roschy is married to Dorothy M. Wilson, a graduate nurse of the Lancaster General Hospital. They have three sons and two daughters. Adrian, the oldest teaches 5th grade in Cecil County Maryland. Also, his son John is an elementary teacher in Maryland, serving the Public Schools of Harford County. The oldest boy, Robert is a student at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Susan is a Junior at UNC-Chapel Hill and the youngest child, Timothy is in 9th grade, and lives at home.

Mr. Roschy has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Burlington and served on the Board of Directors there.

He is also a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board and has had an active interest in the Community through the Community Council where he served as Chairman of the Membership Committee. His interest in the ecumenical work of the Church was expressed through his active participation in the Federated Ministerial Assn. of Alamance County . He was Chairman of the Race Relations Committee of that organization which was responsible, in part, for establishing a means of communication through the Human Relations Council of which he is a member. He was also active in the Ministerial Association of his own United Church of Christ.

Through the Southern Synod of the UCC he has worked in the field of Christian Education as Chairman of the South Synod Committee. The Committee has been most cooperative in establishing Christian Education programs for the Southern Convention, the Convention of the South and the Southern Synod. Such joint efforts have been helpful for the formation of the new Southern Conference of the Denomination.

The new Pastor and his family will move into the parsonage on Ridge Ave. the week of March 1st and he will conduct the Public Worship at the Church on New Hampshire and Bennett Sts. Sunday, March 7th at 11:00 o'clock.

Lenten Emphases In Mission Work

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The Special Milk Fund

The United Clothing Appeal

February 16, 1965

Dear Co-workers:

In our comfort and affluence, nothing disturbs us more than to learn about the discomfort and impoverished living conditions of others. We are compelled, as practicing Christians, to give heed to many cries for aid which daily come to our attention. It is fairly impossible to share in each one, though we feel we should.

Each year, the Mission Board of the Southern Convention of the United Church of Christ carefully studies the needs of the world community of which we are all a part and urges particular attention to what seem to be the most pressing. This year, during the season of Lent, **THE UNITED CLOTHING APPEAL** and **THE SPECIAL MILK FUND** are to receive our concern.

Information about the **UNITED CLOTHING APPEAL** may be found in the folder sent to each church. The **SPECIAL MILK FUND** was brought to your notice at Christmas time in The Christian Sun. It is part of the work being done by the Christian Rural Overseas Program of Church World Service. Since government dry milk subsidies have been discontinued, voluntary contributions of constituent fellowships have been requested to carry on the task of supplying milk for children of impoverished areas of the world. $3.00 will provide milk for one child for one year in the CROP Plan.

It is the suggestion and hope of the Mission Board that your church will engage in these projects. It may be done by Lenten-long opportunities for giving funds and bringing clothing, or through a special day observance which would involve a special offering and a dedication of the clothing. Perhaps this might be Maundy Thursday or Easter. Clothing can be taken to the depots noted on the sheets sent to churches. Funds may be sent to The Southern Convention, Box 247, Elon College, N. C. 27244, clearly marked Special Milk Fund. Checks should be made payable to The Southern Convention.

In fellowship and concern,

R. C. Baxter, Jr.

Robert C. Baxter, Jr.

For the Missions Board

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Shove Thy Neighbor

In the perverted values of modern society, no commandment is quite as outstanding as this one: Shove Thy Neighbor. Faithfully observed by far too many, its interpretations are legion. Its disciples go about in virtually every guise.

A common phenomenon, in the pursuit of the dedicated celebration of this commandment, has to do with accepting responsibility. Or rather, with not accepting responsibility. By engaging in shoving thy neighbor into taking responsibilities which might fall upon oneself, the danger of becoming involved in the responsibility ourselves is lessened. There are chronic shovers: those who quickly nominate others for offices of responsibility (in and out of the church); those eager to praise someone else's abilities in an area where help is being sought. Modesty becomes a strong virtue when self-praise is liable to bring on work.

Another opportunity to shove one's neighbor comes when sin rears its ugly head . . . not a particularly rare happening. For some reason, when we're about to commit a deliberate act of wrongdoing, we are comforted in our sinfulness when we can shove some neighbor along with us to share the blame. One good example of this shoving occurs in fright-peddling. Another example can be seen in program-debunkers and those steady in their non-support of worthy purposes which might not fit into their distorted perspectives.

Still a third kind of neighbor-shoving is more subtle, though no less a shove to the shovable. We sometimes find opportunities to glorify our own images, both for ourselves and in the sight of others, by shoving others beneath us. Then, of course, we walk all over them . . . their character or their standards, their background or their morals, their habits or their views of life and God. Character assassins fit into this category. Climbers of all kinds closely adhere to this interpretation of shoving thy neighbor.

Finally, there is the urge to shove one's neighbor in order to be first at the plum pudding. This can range all the way from the shoving in line kind of thing, to the shoving of neighbors in order to be first at the rewards or prestige or comfort or satisfaction or victory, to the strong desire to praise God the loudest or pray longest or sing hymns sincerest or support the church most or, presumably, be nearest the front of the line at heaven's gate.

Shove thy neighbor gets lots of support as a commandment. Nowhere does it get more support than in religious circles. Who, after all, can resist a chance to escape responsibilities, divide blame or shame, bolster egos, or get the most? Surely these are some of the Christian sins if there are any.

These days we hear about untouchables, unswitchables, unsinkables, and a multitude of unsurpassables. The time has now come when more of us need to devote our attention to being unshovable, in our faith, in our moral convictions, in our respect and appreciation of others, and in our devotion to God.

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THE 1965 WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SPRING RALLIES

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In addition to Miss Angie Crew, missionary from Japan, who will be speaking to the North Carolina Women's Fellowship Rallies in March, two other outstanding leaders will share in the programs.

Mrs. W. B. Williams, a member of the First United Church of Christ, Newport News, Virginia, will address the Eastern Virginia rallies on the theme, **The Christian Layman — A Minister.** Mrs. Williams, whose work and witness in local and national areas of church service have been extensive, will tell something about the activities and aims of the Council for Lay Life and Work as it relates to the local church and its members.

A member of the Council for Lay Life and Work, and treasurer of the Southern Convention Women's Fellowship, Mrs. Williams is a past president of the Southern Convention Women's Fellowship and past national president of Congregational Christian Church Women.

Mrs. Robert M. Kimball, wife of the pastor of the First Christian Church (UCC), in Burlington, North Carolina, will lead a discussion during each of the afternoon sessions on **How Do You Measure Success In Your Women's Fellowship?** From this concern, participants will be helped toward a better understanding of programming and goals.

Presently serving as president of the Southern Convention Women's Fellowship, Mrs. Kimball has been active in Christian Education and the cooperative work being done by the three judicatories of the Southern Conference in the area of lay life and work.

The women of the two conferences this spring will receive messages with different emphases, but messages springing from lives of outstanding service and dedication to our Lord and His church. **Make plans to attend the Women's Fellowship Spring Rally nearest to you.**

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him how dwelleth the love of God in him?
/KJ

If anyone has this world's goods and sees that his brother is in need, and yet closes his heart against him---how can love for God continue in him?
/Weymouth

As for the well-to-do man who sees his brother in want but shuts his eyes----and his heart----how could anyone believe that the love of God lives in him?
/Phillips

Money, in our society, is a convenient way of transmitting concern in substantial form from where we are to where needs exist. Let's not fool ourselves ... in order to bear witness through the printed word, the healing ministry, self-help devellopment, educational institutions, or agencies for the aid to the aged or young-in-need, your church needs money. Your money! And regularly.

Men do not listen to the gospel preached when their children are starving or suffering with illness. Men hear about the love of God when they have first seen it in action --- because our money has been put to work to purchase food and medicine, or to train them to grow more and better food, and to provide doctors and nurses to help heal their afflictions. For heaven's sake, use your money! Use it as a responsible Christian, not as a Sunday-morning saint.

Miss Angie Crew To Be At N. C. Women's Fellowship Rallies!

Miss Angie Crew, a United Church of Christ missionary who was recently honored by the Japanese Emperor, will speak at the Women's Fellowship rallies, March 12-19, in North Carolina.

Miss Crew, now on pre-retirement furlough in this country was awarded the Fifth Class of the Order of the Sacred Treasure audience by Her Majesty the Empress.

Miss Crew had taught English at Kobe College, Nishinomiya City, since 1930. She has been credited with assisting in developing a phonetic-dramatic method to increase the level of English comprehension of Japanese students. The method was so successful that students under her were rated superior in spoken English to students from any other Japanese schools, private or governmental.

Before leaving Japan she was also honored by Governor Motohiko Kanai of Hyogo Ken prefecture for her distinguished service in education.

Nishinomiya is a city of 260,000 located halfway between Kobe and Osaka on the north shore of Osaka Bay, Honshu Island.

Miss Crew began her missionary career in 1923 when she went to Japan to do evangelistic work in Sendai and Tokyo for the Christian Church. When the Christian Church and the Congregational Church united in 1931, she came under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and was assigned to teach at Kobe College.

During the war years she returned to this country to serve as assistant secretary of missionary promotion in the Southern Convention of the Congregational Christian churches. She also served for a year in the Near East Mission of the American Board before returning to Japan and Kobe College in 1947.

A native of West Milton, Ohio, Miss Crew is a graduate of Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio. In 1958 Defiance conferred upon her the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

The United Church Board for World Ministries, under which Miss Crew most recently served, is the overseas agency of the United Church of Christ which was formed by a union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and Congregational Christian churches.

The Board's overseas staff includes more than 500 missionaries—teachers, doctors, nurses, social service workers and evangelists. They are working with some 16,000 nationals in 1,200 schools and colleges, 80 hospitals and clinics, 35 social service centers and 3,000 churches in 25 countries.

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Suffolk Church Reports Progress

The Minister's Statistical Report, rendered to the Quarterly Conference of The Suffolk Christian Church in January, showed a total of 57 new members received into the church membership during 1964, and a total of 108 new members received during the past two years. The report showed that the pastor, The Rev. Robert B. Marr, made 1215 Pastoral Calls during 1964, attended 377 group appointments and meetings and officiated at 30 Baptisms and 22 Funerals.

The Progress report gave testimony that a new elevator was installed during the year, a memorial dedicated to the memory of Miss Dorris Jones; the Sanctuary of the Church was re-decorated; and the Church Building rewired, so that the electrical power available in the building was doubled. A Schulmerich Carillon, dedicated to the memory of Judge Richard Henry Rawles, has also been acknowledged with a service of dedication during 1964.

The Financial Report showed that the Suffolk Christian Church received total income of $69,404.00 during 1964, of which sum only $41,794.00 was given through church pledges. The remaining amount of almost $30,000.00 came in the form of special gifts and contributions.

Eastern Virginia Committees Meet

Some forty members of the various committees of the Eastern Virginia Conference met in the Suffolk Christian Church on Sunday afternoon, February 7.

The program included a worship service led by The Rev. Victor Hayes of our Warwick Church, and the presentation of general Conference concerns by The Rev. Robert B. Marr, pastor of the host church, and President of the Eastern Virginia Conference.

Each committee then met by itself for the following hour, after which the whole group convened once again to hear reports of the particular work planned for the year by the several committees.

Of particular interest was the report of the **Evangelism Committee,** which has responsibility for the **MORE** program. This report stated that a special meeting will be held in the Suffolk Christian Church on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 28th, from 3 to 4:15 p. m. to acquaint ministers and lay leaders more fully with the MORE plan. It was also recommended that MORE week for Eastern Virginia be Nov. 1-7th. The Rev. Carroll W. Lewis is Chairman of this committee.

The Committee on Missions, of which Mrs. Dwight Moore is Chairman, also made a significant recommendation in suggesting that each local church be urged to appoint an individual, preferably a man, to serve as an assistant to the minister to promote and distribute materials on Our Christian World Mission. The committee commented strongly on the need in each church that a more effective job be done in missionary education.

The Christian Education Committee, The Rev. Mr. St. Elmo Nauman, Chairman, reported that plans for Daily Vacation Bible School Workshops were planned at Oakland Church on Tuesday, May 4, and at South Norfolk Church on Wednesday, May 5. A motion was made by Mr. Robert Bennett, and carried that the Eastern Virginia Conference Committe on Christian Education, with the approval of the Executive Commitee, meet with the Committee of Christian Education of the Convention of the South to confer as to the possible coordination of the program of the two groups.

Other committees which met included The Executive Committee, The Rev. Robert B. Marr, Chairman; The Committee on the Ministry, The Rev. John Lackey, Chairman; The Committee on Stewardship and Apportionments, chaired by The Rev. Raymond Phelts, the Committee on Social Action, chaired by Mrs. Ray Gordon, and the Committee on Church and Interdenominational Relations, chaired by The Rev. Victor Hayes.

The meeting concluded with prayer, led by The Rev. Thomas Britton, Minister of the Lynnhaven Colony United Church of Christ.

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

On Good Church Relations

Pastors and congregations have discovered through experience practices which help to establish and maintain good relations of pastor and people. This column lists a few of these practices which have proved extremely valuable. These suggestions are not original, but come to me from many sources:

1. Hospitaity or Church Hostess Committee.

Most churches have a social program involving church suppers, meetings, receptions, etc. A church wishes to show good manners to its guests, as would a home. Just as members of the family would seek to be good hosts, so should a church seek to do the same in its social gatherings. A Hospitality or Church Hostess Committee would have the responsibility to see that the church showed good planning and proper preparation for social events, as would a hostess in a private home.

2. Church Receptions.

The Hospitality Committee, or some similar committee in a local church could help create good pastoral relations by planning for receptions in which the whole church participates. Receptions could include such times as when a new pastor moves to the field, or when a pastor leaves the church for another field, annual church meetings, or church anniversaries, or on occasions when a church reception would add to morale and good relations.

3. Open House.

Many pastors and families are arranging for an annual open house for the church parsonage. Perhaps a committee from the church would help plan such an occasion. This allows the members of the congregation the privilege of visiting the parsonage and becoming better acquainted with the minister and his family.

4. Moving Expenses.

It is the practice for the church to pay the moving expenses of the new minister as he comes to the field. Moving costs are expensive and should be borne by the church to which the new minister goes for service.

5. Statement of Pastoral Call.

Many churches are now making a permanent record of the pastoral call for a new minister. Usually, three copies are made, one for the file of the local church, one for the file of the new minister, and one for the Convention Office. The pastoral call information would include the date of call, the arrangement for salary, including utilities, Annuity, and travel allowance if provided. The details of the call would also include such time as allowed for annual vacation and the conditions of the termination of the call. Usually, the form is signed by responsible officers of the local church and the minister being called.

Attention to details that help to make for happy relationships between a pastor and the congregation make for a longer and more effective pastorate.

Clyde L. Fields
Superintendent

Piedmont University Center

Elon College is one of seventeen four-year liberal arts institutions, located chiefly in the Piedmont area of North Carolina, which make up the membership of the Piedmont University Center, **an organization which represents one of the most significant steps in the long history of higher education in the Old North State.**

The Piedmont University Center is a central coordinating agency, built upon the concept of inter-institutional cooperation. This concept is not to be confused with institutional uniformity, for **the Center's cooperative purpose is to assist the various institutions in maximizing their individual strengths, minimizing their weaknesses and giving stronger support to each college's unique characteristics.**

The seventeen institutions now members of the Piedmont University Center include A. and T., Belmont Abbey, Bennett, Catawba, Davidson, Elon, Greensboro, High Point, Johnson C. Smith, Lenoir Rhyne, Livingstone, Mars Hill, Pfeiffer, Salem, Wake Forest and Winston-Salem State. The group includes men's colleges, and coeducational colleges, among them state-related, church-related, Protestant, Catholic, White and Negro institutions.

The University Center program is operated through a board of directors, which is composed of the presidents of the seventeen member colleges. The directors then choose the officers, including a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. These officers, plus three additional members named by the directors, make up an executive committee.

Currently the Center operates through six standing committees, each of which includes one representative from each of the seventeen member institutions, with the members from each college appointed by the president of that college. These six standing committees direct **arrangements for visiting scholars on various campuses, faculty research projects, library affairs, arrangements for exhibits and films, visits by artists and performing groups and plans for the general educational program.**

The Elon representatives on these six standing committees of the Piedmont University Center include **Dr. H. H. Cunningham** on the Committee for the Visiting Scholars Program, which brings to each member institution a number of outstanding scholars as speakers during the year; **Dr. Paul H. Cheek** on the Committee on Faculty Research, which arranges and makes grants for faculty research projects.

Other Elon representatives are **Dr. W. W. Sloan** on the Committee on Library Affairs, which has already arranged cooperative bargaining for binding books for the various libraries and has published a union periodical list of holdings in various libraries; and **Prof. Edwin L. Daniel** on the Committee on Exhibits and Films, which schedules various travelling exhibitions on the various campuses and also operates a centralized teaching film library at Reynolda House in Winston-Salem.

Also representing Elon in the program are Prof. **Walter Westafer** on the Committee on Artists and Performing Groups, which keeps a centralized file of artists and performing groups available for appearance at the member colleges and which can reduce costs by block-booking certain attractions to several schools; and **Prof. Fletcher Moore,** Elon's academic dean, who is a member of the Committee on the General Education Program. This committee has arranged inter-change of students and joint employment of faculty members within the group and which considers various cooperative academic programs such as conferences of administrative, faculty and staff representatives of the member colleges and which considers such plans as a common calendar, student study abroad and cooperative curriculum planning.

One of the most significant programs to be considered by the members of the Piedmont University Center thus far is a plan for **a cooperative admissions center,** which is to be presented soon at a proposed meeting of the presidents of the seventeen institutions. It is a plan designed **"to bring some kind of order out of the chaos that now exists in the field of college admissions."**

According to Dr. A. R. Keppel, executive director of the University Center, this cooperative admissions plan would have a high school student to send his application to the Center instead of to the college he wishes to attend. On his application the student would indicate his first, second, third and even fourth choices of colleges he might wish to attend.

The Center would then mail the application in turn to each of the student's successive choices of colleges in order until the application is either accepted or rejected by one or all of them. It is pointed out that the student, regardless of how many institutions his application went to, would pay one application fee, where at present multiple applications require multiple fees. The plan would reduce the number of applications to be compiled by high schools.

This program, if adopted, would operate along with others at the permanent home and headquarters of the Piedmont University Center, which is **located in the beautiful Reynolda House in Winston-Salem,** the huge mansion which was the home of the late R. J. Reynolds, founder of the Reynolds Tobacco Company. The Reynolda House was recently provided as a gift of the Mary Reynolda Babcock Foundation, along with sixteen acres of land, as a center for the arts and higher education.

Coach Tucker Resigns

Coach George Tucker, Head Football Coach for Elon College since 1960, has resigned. He will continue in the College's department of physical education. Coach Tucker is a Christian gentleman who has had a high sense of moral and spiritual concern, and fair play. Under his leadership the Elon College football team in 1964 won the championship of the Carolinas Conference. Under his guidance several young men have excelled in football, winning All-American honors. Assistant Coach Gary Mattocks has succeeded Mr. Tucker as head football coach.

DR. DANIELEY ADDRESSES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

President J. Earl Danieley was the speaker at a non-denominational youth service at Macedonia Lutheran Church in Burlington, North Carolina, Sunday afternoon, February 7. To this youth service all senior high young people of Alamance County and Burlington were invited.

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The agencies of our United Church of Christ depend on your regular support to continue a planned, effective ministry throughout the world. Monthly remittances for **Apportionment Giving** are practical and important stones in the foundation for a solid mission effort. Encourage your church treasurer to send your share of **Our Christian World Mission** each month.

Elon Student Awarded Scholarship

L. Donald Johnson of Burlington, a senior pre-medical student at Elon College, was one of eight young men to receive a four-year scholarship for study at **Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem.** Other colleges and universities placing young men receiving these scholarships included University of North Carolina, Davidson College, Duke University, North Carolina State. The Science Department faculty of Elon College is to be commended for their thorough training of young people preparing for a vocation in the field of medicine anad other scientific fields. **High commendation has been received by the College from several medical schools on the quality and training of Elon graduates.**

The above scholarship is from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and provides a total of $14,000 for expenses during the four years of medical school, and then it supplements his scholar's internship salary during his fifth year of medical education to provide him with an income of $5,000 for that year. The award was made upon selection by the medical school's Committee on Admissions on the basis of character, scholarship, position as a physician and financial need. **Formal presentation of the scholarship will be made on May 14 at the annual banquet held in Winston-Salem.**

During the eight years that the scholarship program has been in effect under the sponsorship of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, there has been more than $1,200,000 awarded in support of medical education.

This is not the first scholarship award won by Mr. Johnson, for he was one of two Elon College students who earned $1,000 scholarships for the current year for outstanding service as a salesman for Colliers Encyclopedia during the past summer. He and Larry Crimm, an Elon sophomore from Winston-Salem, were presented the Colliers scholarships in ceremonies held on the Elon campus earlier this year.

Mufundisi naMai Watson Mkwakwami

"They symbolize the younger generation in this country and in the church."

Christmas marks the end of our school year. The nine graduates will be going to their scattered, impoverished churches filled with their call, experiences and learnings here at the college, eagerness and yet awareness of how much there is yet to learn, and knowing many trials, hardship and challenges face them. Among those leaving are Mufundisi naMai Watson Mkwakwami, their two-year old daughter, Heffernut, and infant sun, Jehoshephat. Watson and Susan are both trained teachers and had taught school prior to coming to Epworth. In many ways they symbolize the younger generation in this country and in the church. They have recognized the imporance of education, family planning, of communication in marriage, and have a truly Christian African home. They are experiencing the unrest in our church as they still do not know where they will be sent to serve. Will it be to the urban area for which they have been preparing for three years, or to the rural area where they will support themselves by teaching, leaving only week-ends for church work? Watson has met this indecision with faith. He has said that even if the church conference doesn't have the money to support him and his family, but if they will recognize him as a minister, he will start a new church and the salary will come. God will provide. It is such people that bring hope to the church.

The Rev. and Mrs. Neill Richards
Epworth Theological College
Rhodesia, Africa

Contemporary Problems

The Pumpkin Eater

I took advantage of the snow covered lull this past Sunday afternoon to take in a movie, **The Pumpkin Eater,** with Ann Bancroft. It is not about sex, in any narrow sense, as the ads imply. It is about the deep and poignant melancholy of a woman who is terribly alone in an upper-middle-class world of comfort and a healthy family; it is about a man and wife who love each other, but who, at the same time, torture and destroy each other; it is about guilt, estrangement, despair, and the unspeakable longing of the human spirit for at-home-ness, peace, and reconciliation. Of course "despair" films are not unusual these days. But this one is so powerful that it evokes with special pain the subterranean questions of human existence. I found myself struggling with Irene Armitage to maintain sanity, struggling to break through the impossible barriers of alienation. I reflected, "So much of life is like this! Has it always been so? Must it always be so?"

The status of religion in the Western world is accurately portrayed, I think, in the fact that it never occurs to anyone in the drama that religion is related to these critical struggles of life. The climate is clearly post-Christian. At one point, following a funeral for a relative, the daughter of Mrs. Armitage says to her mother, "When the coffin fell into the grave it occured to me for the first time that God is a possibility." Excitedly the girl begins to read some abstract sounding sentences from Thomas Acquinas. The mother leaves the room with total disinterest, no reply, no reflective pause. This is pretty much where we are, religiously, in our culture, though a lingering cast of pietism in some areas of America obscures our vision of this situation. If we see clearly we see that, by and large, God is among the unemployed. And if one is a believer, he does not help matters, but makes them worse with glib slogans —"God is the answer" or "The family that prays together stays together".

Yet I confess my prejudice, I believe that the torments we know in our broken relationships are signs of divine judgement, and that in some sense God **is** the answer. Not a superman God who comes flying in to set everything neatly in order. But a God who, though beyond us, is present in the depths of the suffering of estrangement. When I see the agony of existence portrayed with some sensitivity as in this film, I sense the presence of a Mysterious Other. Something is involved other than the psychological dynamics and the human relations. Something basic is present. A flicker of something transcendent shines through, hinting that helpless despair is not the last chapter of the human story.

From **The United Church Letter**
From The Minister's Desk
S. Collins Kilburn

Word From Our Stewardship Chairman

Dear Local Stewardship Chairman and Pastors:

Mr. Paul E. Strauch of our Stewardship Council (national) reminds us that only a few more weeks remain in the 43rd Annual Stewardship Project. Deadline is February 15, 1965. Projects to be entered by the local congregation for judging should be forwarded to the Stewardship Chairmen no later than March 1, 1965.

Cordially yours,
Carl Wallace
Southern Convention
Stewardship Chairman
Hampton, Virginia

March 5

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Millions of Christian women will gather in churches and homes in the United States and scores of other countries, Friday, March 5, to observe World Day of Prayer -- for more than 75 years a special day of prayer and giving for the global mission of the church.

Sponsored annually on the first Friday in Lent by United Church Women, a department of the National Council of Churches, the observance has a long and colorful history dating from 1887, when Presbyterian women were first called to a day of prayer for "confession of individual and national sins, with offerings that will fitly express the contrition."

Since then the day of prayer and rededication has grown to embrace all denominations, spreading to 125 countries, territories and protectorates on all faces of the globe. Ignoring every credal, racial, national and cultural barrier, the network of prayer will spin out around the world on March 5 as the sun touches the international date line, moving with the clock from east to west, through every climate and terrain until it has encircled the earth.

In a multitude of languages, women will pray that the message of the Christian gospel may reach all peoples. In the United States, offerings given on World Day of Prayer will go to united mission enterprises of the churches cooperating through the National Council.

In every country women will follow the same order of worship, concentrating on the same international theme: "What Doth the Lord Require?"(Micah 6:8). This year's service of prayer and giving was prepared by Mrs. Jesse Jai McNeil of Pasadena, Calif., a former national vice-president of United Church Women and a member of the general board of the National Council of Churches. Mrs. McNeil belongs to the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., and is the first Negro American chosen to write the World Day of Prayer service.

A number of overseas projects will benefit from U.S. World Day of Prayer gifts to the Overseas Ministries Division of the National Council of Churches These include: 12 Christian colleges for women in seven countries; a program of goodwill and friendship to some of the 70,000 international students studying in the United States; support for 31 magazines in 18 countries carrying helpful information on health, sanitation, nutrition, citizenship and child care, and trying to show Christianity's relevance to the problems of daily living; and support for the World Council of Churches' worldwide work in the field of Christian home and family life. A special project for this year is work among rural women of the world.

Home projects will be helped by prayer gifts to the National Council's Division of Christian Life and Mission. These are: a broad ministry to U.S. migrant farm workers ranging from recreation to education; a ministry to "church and community in transition", with emphasis on continuing education for rural pastors in poverty-stricken parishes: and programs of services, training and guidance for Indian Americans. This year concludes a special three-year project of community development among settling migrants.

In addition to a study guide, "Prayer In Action," and other materials prepared annually for the observance, this year a new filmstrip has been produced for use in local churches and councils of church women. In color and sound, "That Friday" tells of the experiences and concerns of women all over the world as they prepared to observe World Day of Prayer. These materials may be ordered at nominal cost from United Church Women, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027.

Thinking About Lent

How Will You Observe Lent This Year?

This is a question which every Sunday School Class, every Church Organization and every Church Member should seek to answer **NOW.**

What Is Lent?

It is that period of the Christian year covering the forty days preceding Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday and concluding at noon on Saturday of Holy Week (this year the dates are March 3rd to April 17th.)

What Is The Meaning Of Lent?

The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "Lencten" which means Spring. It is often interpreted also to mean "Lengthen". It is thus the season of the year when the days begin to lengthen.

When Did The Observance Of Lent Begin?

It began during the fourth or fifth century as a result of early Christian efforts to find ways to deepen the devotional approach to Easter. Periods of fasting and preparation lasting from a few hours to many days developed. By the ninth century there was general agreement on a period of forty days.

How Is Lent To Be Observed?

Dr. Randolph Crump Miller speaks of Lent as the "spring training period of religion." This is most suggestive, for Lent is not just a time when we **give up** something, but a time we **give** ourselves **to** something — to the highest.

It is a time of **introspection** — when we examine our lives in the penetrating light that comes from the Cross.

It is a time of **preparation** for the coming of new spiritual insights and vigor.

It is a time of **discipline** — when renewed emphasis is given to those disciplines of the Christian life that encourage spiritual growth and when faithfully practiced lead to Christian maturity.

The main emphasis of Lent should be on keeping spiritually fit.

What Disciplines Are Essential To Spiritual Fitness?

Daily Bible study, regular Prayer, enthusiastic Worship, sacrificial Giving, Christian Service, and faithful Witnessing. These practices are not to be confined to the Lenten Season, but they are given renewed emphasis at that time that they may be given their proper place in our lives in every season.

How Will You Observe Lent This Year?

Burlington, First Christian Church
—from **The Christian Reporter**

Family Week Resources

FAITH IN GOD FOR TODAY'S FAMILY is the title of a booklet of family devotions for use during Christian Family Week 1965 (May 2-9). This ten-page resource has day-by-day thoughts and prayers. It has been written by the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Dobler of Newton-Centre, Massachusetts. Mr. Dobler is Secretary for Leadership and Family Life for the Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ. Copies of this booklet are ten cents each or $7.50 per hundred. Order from the Department of Publication Services, National Council of Churches of Christ, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 10027.

There is also a leaflet introducing Family Week to individuals and offering food for study and discussion in small groups. It bears the same title with subtitle A Family Leaflet for Christian Family Week 1965. The cost is five cents or $3.50 per hundred. Order from the same source.

Programs Discussed

Joint Christian Education

The three groups concerned with Christian education in the judicatories making up the Southern Conference met at Franklinton Center, Bricks, North Carolina, February 4-5. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and implement the total educational mission in our area.

One of the first tasks of the joint sessions was to delineate the wide variety of concerns shared in by the three groups. The following outline represents a general view of the ministries involved:

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Vacation Church School
Leadership Training
Church School
Junior Camps
Weekday Church School

ADULT MINISTRY
Leadership Training
Lay Life and Work
Family Life
Church School
Study Groups

LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES
C. E. A.
Training Schools (local)
Conferences (area)
Correlation with National

SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES
Camps and Conferences
Campus Ministries
Voluntary Service
Scouting
Caravaning
Work Camps
ICYE
Missionary Education
The Arts

YOUTH MINISTRY
Youth Fellowships
Leadership Training
Rallies
Confirmation
Service Emphases
UCYM, Youth Forum
Vocations
Camps and Conferences
Church School

Joint committees were set up to plan for training and implementation in the following areas: Vacation Church School Workshops; Camps and Conferences Staff Training; Family Life Camping; Youth Ministry Conferences.

The joint groups will again meet in the fall. Twenty individuals shared in the two-day sessions at Bricks.

OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION

S. C. Board Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education met briefly prior to the joint meeting of the three Christian Education groups at Franklinton Center early in February. A discussion of the total picture relative to camps and conferences, the needs of the several areas involved, and the possibilities of further development, resulted in the following motion: **That the Board of Christian Education go on record as recognizing the need for a conference center in Eastern Virginia, provided that such a center be developed under the auspices of the new Southern Conference according to a plan involving all of the camp and conference sites.**

The work of the Christian Education Associates (CEA's) was praised by those present. The faithful service of these men and women has added greatly to the success of the awakening in educational mission in our area. Our CEA's are among the strongest in the country in terms of outreach and accomplishments. This program will undoubtedly continue in an expanded fashion, encompassing the broader aspects of education in our churches.

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES? . . .

The churches act through the 70 program units of the Council in a spirit of evangelism to encourage Christians to the use of prayer, to the acceptance of personal responsibility, and to study in all matters affecting the life of the nation. The churches continue their tradition of concern for the welfare of all members of society by speaking and working through the Council...

1965 Women's Fellowship Spring Rallies

NORTH CAROLINA

District	*Date*	*Church*
Sanford	March 12	Shallow Well
Asheboro	March 13	Pleasant Grove
Halifax	March 15	Virgilina, Union
Henderson-Raleigh	March 16	Garner, Trinity
Greensboro	March 18	Reidsville
Burlington	March 19	Beverly Hills

VIRGINIA

Waverly	March 9	Prince George
Suffolk	March 10	Liberty Springs
Norfolk	March 11	Bayview

GOD'S UNIVERSE

You get into a rocket ship and fly
right out of sight.
Planets on your left, the moon and
stars are on your right.
You see the planets floating there;
you see the earth and Mars;
You see the planets one by one
and then you see the stars,
But as you see them, every one,
their mother is the sun;
You get used to all the stars
and it's starting to be fun.
You circle Mars and turn around
and travel all through space.
To Venus and to Mercury
and almost every place.
But when your trip is over,
you think of long ago.
When God made all the planets,
and put them where they were to go.
So when we explore the planets,
from the Earth then to the sun,
Remember God in Heaven,
created every one.

Rickie Rhodes
7th Grade
Holland High School

Memorial To Miss Wilmer Holt

By Howard White
Editor, Burlington Times-News

Miss Wilmer Holt's name and service, as well as her inspiration through others while she lived, will be memorialized.

Miss Holt was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Holt, one of the pioneer families of this area, and was held close in friendship by those who knew her. There are those who have said that she actually served as a "minister" to others through the beauty which reflected through her life.

Her death last November at the age of 57 drew a tribute at the time, and it has not stopped.

Dr. W. W. Snyder of the Elon Home for Children, in fact, found that memorials coming to the Home, now past the $2,000 mark, was one of the outstanding expressions the institution has had. This, in turn, led to a decision on the part of the Home's Executive Committee to establish the Wilmer Holt Endownment Fund, the purpose of which will be used in the upkeep of the Holt Chapel, built several years ago by the Holt family in memory of their parents.

Said Dr. Snyder in the Christian Sun, announcing the decision: "People who knew Miss Holt knew of her devoted interest in our Home for Children. Because of this interest, we received at the Home an overwhelming response in memorials.'

Miss Holt was a healthy young woman through her school days and in college

It was just after she left her college years, however, that she became ill with tuberculosis. For the next 10 years, her life was confined to the sanitorium and under constant care.

Tuberculosis in those days could not be treated as effectively as today, of course. There was a tremendous challenge before Miss Holt when she faced the future and built a hope of being cured.

Through the 10 years of confinement, she did meet the challenge. Each day gave her more opportunity, and each day, too, gave her more hope as she learned that medical science was gaining new information and adopting new treatment procedures.

Then came the day when an operation permitted her to reclaim a part of the activity that she had not known for a long time, though there remained many limitations that could not be removed.

There were those who also paid tribute to her in those days. No one, it was recognized, ever heard her complain because she could not have the life which others were privileged to have. She took her misfortune and made the best of it.

Maybe Dr. James H. Lightbourne of Kingston, R. I., a former pastor of the First Christian Church here now retired, said it best.

"From my first meeting with Wilmer," he wrote, "I was won by her sweetness, faith and courage. I visited her rather regularly, and I believe I rejoiced as deeply as any other when she was able to resume some patterns of normal life. I tried to minister to her; she really ministered to me, and many times when I sorely was tempted to desert my ideas and principles and follow an easier way, I would remember Wilmer's quiet courage and be helped."

She was a lifetime member of the First Christian Church and its Sunday School. She also was a deaconness of the church, active in the Women's Fellowship, and in various other organizations.

She was a director of the Alamance County Tuberculosis Association and was instrumental in starting the sale of Christmas Seals in its program. She also was an ardent garden lover and was recognized for her ability in flower arrangement.

This, then, was the life which Miss Holt was able to build and enjoy. She faced handicap, but she allowed many people to see that spirit can often overcome handicap. She "ministered" to others and she never complained.

Because she lived, the Elon Home for Children also has been made stronger for the young people who need many people to be interested in them. This help not only came from Hiss Holt in her lifetime, but it also now is continuing to come from those who knew her and want to express themselves to her in a way that she would have approved.

There aren't many compliments that carry more strength than to be permanently endeared as a part of an institution as worthy as a children's home. In her lifetime, Miss Holt did not know this would happen. Because of the way she lived and helped others to live, her family and friends now have made it possible. She will remain a living part of the institution which meant so much to her.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

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February 8, 1965

Dear Friends

This week you will find on our page an advertisement concerning Red Scissors coupons. We hope very much that all of our friends are continuing to save these valuable coupons for us. Not only, the Red Scissors coupons, but we are also very interested in receiving Pillsbury and Better Crocker coupons, as well. The Pillsbury coupons, like the Red Scissors, can be redeemed for cash to help buy necessities for the Home, while the Betty Crocker coupons are used to get such items as dishes, silverware and cooking utensils.

Also, we have found that trading stamps of various kinds are of help to us. With the help of trading stamps, we recently have been able to secure needed luggage for our children. We would be happy to have any and all kinds of trading stamps.

We shall be most grateful for the continued aid and support in this area of our work.

Sincerely Yours,
Walstein W. Snyder

REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 8, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	**95.61**
Eastern North Carolina Conference	**1.00**
Western North Carolina Conference	**59.00**
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	**64.00**
Convention Home Missions	**5.00**
Total	**$ 224.61**
Special Offerings	
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harcum, Franklin, Va.	**5.00**
Mr. H. B. Nelson, Greensboro, N. C.	**50.00**
Miss Mary Grace Owen, Robbins, N. C.	**20.00**
Mr. D. M. McLelland, Burlington, N. C.	**10.00**
First Cong. Church, Canton Centre, Conn.	**8.55**
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. O. S. Chandler	
In Memory of Mr.Wilton K. Elder (2 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mrs. L. K. Thompson	
In Memory of Edith McPherson Spencer	
In Memory of Miss Wilmer Holt	
In Memory of Mr. William Cole, Jr.	
Total Memorial Gifts	**45.00**
Special Offerings	**818.80**
Total	**$ 962.35**
Total for the Week	**$1,181.96**

At Beverly Hills

Capital Fund Program

A Capital Fund Stewardship Program has been instituted at Beverly Hills United Church of Christ to raise funds for a new educational building.

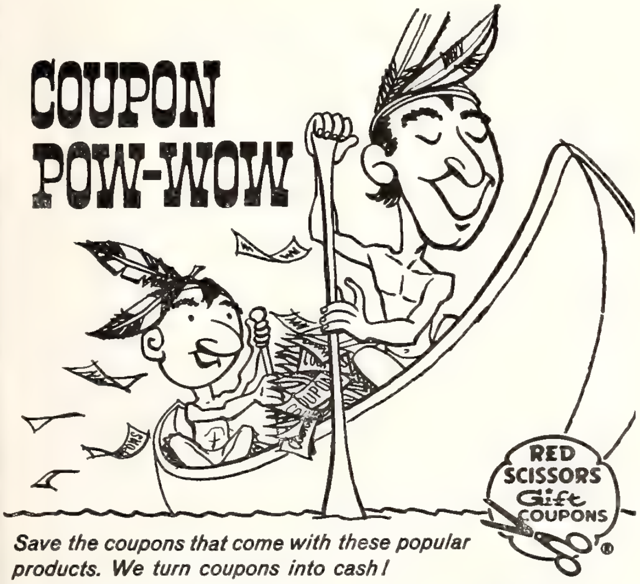
John F. Westfield of the Church Finance Advisory Service of the United Church Board of Homeland Ministries has been engaged by the congregation to assist in the finance drive. Mr. Westfield has his headquarters in New York City.

He will be with the Beverly Hills congregation for an entire week, begining April 26, for a special stewardship emphasis program. The program will be climaxed on Sunday, May 2, when the church celebrates its 14th anniversary.

The church has engaged Vernon Lewis, local architect, to prepare drawings and specifications for the proposed educational building. A number of tentative drawings have already been presented to the congregation for study.

G. Ervin King and James L. Faulkner have been appointed as co-chairmen of the Project Executive Committee.

Serving with them as chairmen of the various committees are Luther Ingold, group meetings; Mrs. Charlie B. Oakley, publicity; Calvin Phillips, canvas and personal; Mrs. W. D. Rippy, brochure and promotion; Jack Lynch, statistical; Mrs. Ervin King, women's participation; and Mrs. Norman L. Burke, office and clerical.



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ON THE EDGE

The Churchmen's Fellowship at **Long's Chapel United Church of Christ, Burlington,** met on February 13; the program for the evening was the motion picture dealing with missions work in Chile, Ghana and India, **Profiles of Promise.** This film is available from the Southern Convention Office for Audio-visuals.

Word received from Max Vestal, former pastor of **Shallow Well, Sanford,** indicates that ground-breaking services for the new church building at Diamond Bar Congregational Church in California took place early in February.

A highly appropriate title for a post-Christmas sermon was used by Rev. John D. Schofield, pastor of the **United Congregational Christian Church** of Portsmouth in February: "Don't Leave Jesus in the Manger."

Guest speakers at the Junior High and Senior High PF's at **Burlington's First Christian Church (UCC)** were two Elon students from Holland, Miss Dineke Hietbrink and Miss Ineke Koorn. They discussed life for high schoolers in their homeland and shared their impressions of the United States.

Superintendent Fields met with the **United Church of Christ of Sanford, North Carolina,** Sunday, February 7th, at 11:00 A. M. Rev. Lowell Smoot's sermon topic was, "The Genuine Life." Mr. Smoot used a basket of fruit as an illustrative object lesson in connection with the sermon. It made for an effective presentation.

The first two Sunday evenings of February a Bible study was held at the **Asheboro United Church of Christ** using "Salty Christians" as the guide. Mrs. Margaret Boroughs was leader.

Rev. Richard N. Rinker was guest preacher at the High Point United Church of Christ on February 21. Earlier he met with the youth class of the church school.

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Superintendent Fields met with the **Hope Mills United Church of Christ** on Sunday, February 7th, at 2:00 P. M. The Hope Mills Church has a new sanctuary, having been in use for several months. Architect E. J. Austin, of the Southern Pines United Church of Christ, was the architect for the church construction. A grant and loan were made possible from the Church Building Society of the Board for Homeland Ministries. The building is beautiful, useful, and a credit to the small congregation of the Hope Mills Church.

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Dr. W. J. Andes, Dr. F. C. Lester, Rev. Silas Madren, Rev. John R. Lackey, Rev. A. M. Campbell, and Superintendent Clyde Fields will be attending the **Consultation on Church and Ministry,** held at the International Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia. February 17-18th. This meeting is held by the Council for Church and Ministry, and involves the Chairmen of Association Committees on the Ministry in the Southern Region.

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Most of the Annual Church Report blanks have been returned to the Convention Office. However, **some churches have not yet reported.** If your church has not sent in its annual church report to the Southern Convention Office, please do so at once. If for any reason the Church Secretary or Pastor has failed to receive a copy, please make this known to the Southern Convention Office.

A Call For Believing Adults

There is little question that taking a week of one's time to give to others represents a sacrifice. This is what adults sharing in the Moonelon Center summer program are called upon to do. The fact that so many have, in past years, would seem to indicate the importance of this unique ministry to our young people.

Year after year the familiar faces of experienced staff people return to camp. There are new faces, too, as the idea of service and witness in a camp situation appeals to the imagination and interest of men and women. Moonelon has something special to offer by way of an opportunity: contact with young people eager to learn and carry back new insights into their own faith and the faith shared with them by others. In a very vital sense, this is a mission field. Missionaries are needed!

What kind of adults come to help in camp? Average men and women who have a genuine concern for the role of the church in the lives of young people. Average men and women who feel called to give of themselves to testify to their faith in God and their faith in young people. Average men and women who are able to live and communicate with teens.

This is a growth experience, not just for the kids but for the adults, too. They gain a new understanding of themselves and their relationship to God. They come to realize how important their contribution to the lives of others can become as they live in a community of searching and digging young minds.

MOONELON CENTER

April 23-25	**VOCATIONS RETREAT**	Rev. Richard N. Rinker
June 20-26	**SR. HIGH P. F. RETREAT**	Miss Elizabeth Fairbank Rev. S. Collins Kilburn
June 27-July 3	**JUNIOR AGE I**	Miss Dorothy Ballinger
July 4-10	**JUNIOR HIGH I**	Rev. John R. Lackey
July 11-17	**MIDDLE HIGH**	Rev. Dwight W. Moore
July 18-24	**JUNIOR AGE II**	Rev. Robert A. Bew
July 25-31	**JUNIOR HIGH II**	Rev. Kenneth Register
August 1-7	**JUNIOR AGE III**	Rev. Daniel W. Jones
July 18-28	**YOUTH TRAVEL SEMINAR**	Rev. L. T. Wlkins, Jr.
September 25-26	**CONVENTION & CONFERENCE PF OFFICERS RETREAT**	Pilgrim Fellowship Officers for the Southern Convention 1965-66

* * * * **planned study sessions**

* * * * **planned recreation and fellowship**

* * * * **worship experiences in natural setting**

* * * * **good food, healthful activities, good leadership**

Adults who are interested in being a part of a lively adventure, who believe enough in young people and the things for which the church stands, are invited to write to Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. for further details about small group leadership responsibilities at Moonelon in 1965.

Support Operation Icebreaker!
Send contributions to:
Project Icebreaker
Box 336
Elon College, N. C.
The Goal is still $1500

Report On Greensboro Area Training School

The Greensboro Area Training School for Christian Growth was held at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Greensboro February 7-10. This Annual School, which included churches from the Southern Convention, The Southern Synod and the Convention of the South, offered five courses:

The Youth Ministry, was led by Reverend James Cress and Reverend Van Grimes.

Music in the Church was taught by Mr. Donald Trexler, director of music at the host church. For the closing worship this group sang two of the numbers studied in the School.

The Church Ministry to Preschool Children, Children and Adults was led by Reverend Richard Rinker.

How To Study the Bible was led by Reverend John Settlemyer of High Point.

The United Church Curriculum for Preschool, Children, Youth and Adults was presented with one session for each of the four age groups. Reverend Harold Myers, Miss Ruth Dunn, Mrs. Winfred Bray, and Reverend Cress and Reverend Grimes led these discussions.

Eighteen churches participated in this four-day school:

Apple's Chapel UCC
Bricks UCC
Congregational UCC
Edgewood
Emmanuel (Thomasville)
Sophia UCC
Pilgrim United UCC
Mt. Hope UCC
McLeansville UCC
First Congregational Christian
Happy Home UCC
Hines Chapel UCC
Peace UCC
St. Stephens UCC
Pleasant Ridge UCC
St. Peter's UCC
Monticello UCC
High Point UCC

Miss Dorothy Ballinger, dean of the school, announced that the Planning Committee which consists of the minister and two persons from each of the churches, would meet on Sunday, March 7th at 3:00 at the Congregational UCC for the purpose of evaluating the School and making plans for the School to be held in 1966. Officers, who were elected for a two year term, for the School for next year, in addition to Miss Ballinger, are: Reverend Thomas Madren, Business Manager; Mr. James Edmunds, Advisor to the Dean; Mr. Ruffin Walden, Secretary and Mr. Bill Starr, Treasurer.

Reverend Carl T. Day, pastor of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, led the closing worship service in the sanctuary of the church.

A YOUTH SUNDAY SERMON

THE CHRISTIAN TEMPLE, NORFOLK

By Miss Nettie Saied
Student at Old Dominion College

"Let no man despise thy youth." This is the text of the letter that Paul wrote to young Timothy as he charged him with God's stewardship. Paul told Timothy that, at first, his youth would hinder him in his teachings of God's Holy Words because his elders would be skeptical of his ability. But, says Paul, the way to win the confidence of an older generation is to set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Is not this advice just as sound and applicable today, in 1965, as it was in 55 A.D.? All that is necessary is to interpret this scripture against the background of our contemporary scene.

COMPARING

First, let's look at our present picture. If our contemporary scene were to be staged, it would appear something like this: For the backdrop we have a large world map with two dominant symbols on it, one being the stars and stripes, the other being the hammer and sickle. Immediately in front of the map we see a space satellite and a nuclear bomb. And center stage we have the Beetles! Teenagers are scattered all over stage. The girls, who will be wearing textured hose, will be dancing "The Bird", "The Swim", and "The Dog" with boys who look like they have "Buster Brown" bangs!

Well, this looks like a rather confusing and alarming sight. But don't worry — there's always hope! Listen to this description: For this backdrop we also have a map of the world, but this time the symbols are those of all Allies and those of the Axis. In front of the map we find a model scale submarine and a Ford Tri-motor plane. Scattered on stage we see the bobby-soxers, dancing the "Black Bottom", the "Big Apple", and the "Fox Trot", beneath their swoons to Rudy Vallee, Ben Bernie, Paul Whiteman and Waring's Pennsylvanians!

So, you see, just as our parents made it through that critical period of maturing, so shall we, but we need their understanding and their patience. For, just as it is written in Malachi, "Each generation as it becomes older is critical of that which follows and, likewise, each generation is impatient with that which went before." Maturity is no overnight accomplishment, but, rather, it is a continuous progression until we potentially reach the "stature of fullness of Christ". We, just like Timothy, learn by doing and growing into fidelity. Youth is youth; it remains constant. The only things that change are the times and the circumstances. The only reason that the older generation did not do the things that we do today is because circumstances would not allow them to do so; likewise, the only reason we do act as we do is because circumstance permits us to.

THE CHANGED AGE

We are all familiar with the old saying, "When I was growing up, we never did...". Our parents tell us that, your parents told you, their parents before them, and so on down the line. Naturally, it is said because each era poses new problems. We, the youth of today, are being brought up in the Space Age. Our world is one of a fast pace; it is also an unstable pace when one considers the possibility of total annihilation. We are by-products of this fast age. We live in a time when more teenagers commit suicide than die of tuberculosis, diabetes, appendicitis and leukemia. We live in a dubious age when agnosticism is overwhelmingly prevalent. Despite all of this darkness and pessimism, we live in a bright age. We now stand on the threshold of a new future — a future which denies hate, disease, destruction and poverty. This future can exist if we, the youth, harness our potential and steer it in God's direction. For we, the youth of today, are the progress of tomorrow.

For us to harness our potential and progress by ourselves would be an impossibility. We need the guidance of those who are wiser than we. We need an older generation because age, and only age, affords life's experience and wisdom. Likewise, the older generation needs our enthusiasm and vitality. And the world needs both characteristics: those of the young and those of the aged. Francis Bacon expressed this in 1597 when he wrote, "Young men are fitter to invent than to judge, fitter for execution than consul, and fitter for new projects than settled business". The young and the aged need to live in a world in which they are harmoniously balanced with each other. We ask adults to show us, by deeds, the teachings of Christ and instill within us a desire to do likewise. After we have been shown in such a manner, it is our responsibility to act accordingly.

Our responsibility is to give no man cause to despise our youth. We must prove to our elders, ourselves and, most of all, our God that we are creatures deserving of His image and His love. We can and must prove ourselves by setting an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. We are judged and exemplified by our speech and conduct. Stop and think — are we proud of everything we do and say? Would we be willing for God and our elders to see our actions and hear our words? For instance, the times when we slip and say some evil things, the times when we are just acting "big", or the times when we are trying to deliberately hurt someone. Are we pure in thought and deed, or do we betray the trust of others?

SELF-EXAMINATION

Have we given our best to the Master? Have we given strength of our youth? If not, NOW is the time to do so! We should rally to our call and gladly accept our duties. We can bring a tired world new enthusiasm, fresh eyes with which to behold familiar facts, and eagerness to try new ways, a spirit of adventure, and a faith in the future. We are now in our most formative years. What we do, and say, and think now will be reflected in our future, for the old man shows what the young man was. We must learn what our responsibilities are to our God, country and fellowman. We must learn that our honor and dignity are worth much more than any "fringe benefits" dishonor can offer. We must learn that life is a mixture of good and bad, victory and defeat, give and take. We must now learn to guide the talents that God gave us to a purposeful use in life. We must for our self-improvement, because our future amounts only to our present value. Our worth is determined by what we make of ourselves. For example, a bar of iron is worth $5.00. When made into horse shoes this same bar is worth $10.50. When turned into needles its worth is $3,285; and when turned into balance springs for watches, it is worth $250,000! The same is true of another kind of material — youth. We are worth ONLY what we make of ourselves.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Maher-shalal-hash-bazation

With a name like Maher-shalal-hash-baz, it would be pretty hard not to be a unique sort of character. Not all of us are blessed with this kind of distinction. We can't subtly point out to those with whom we come in contact that our name means "The spoil speeds, the prey hastes!" or anything nearly as stimulating. Nor do most of us have the added glory of being sons or daughters of someone like Isaiah. Any way we look at it, there will probably never be another quite like Maher-shalal-hash-baz.

Today, in our society, Maher-shalal-hash-baz would, alas, go all but unnoticed. His name would be lost in the alphabetical listings of our programming lists or filed under M in the folders of participating groups. He would receive form letters and information blanks, free gift stamps and special subscription opportunities, discounts on most of the vital appurtenances of life, and notices of past-due bills. Not as a unique individual named Maher-shalal-hash-baz would he receive these important resources, but as a name under M in a folder in a file in a cabinet in an office in a company in a vaguely familiar place somewhere "out-there". He might even have his name replaced by a number, which in some ways is more distinctive, to be sure.

We have unionization, mechanization, standardization, hospitalization; to add Maher-shalal-hash-bazation to the list would no doubt go unnoticed for awhile. But add it we must, for it stands for the distinctiveness, the uniqueness, the individuality of person which society and our culture seems sworn to eradicate. In terms of Christian theology, present trends amount to dehumanization and the loss of the value of the individual as a creature of God. The church is not excepted from this destructive process.

Because we cannot, we say measure results, we measure how many were present, what the attendance was. Because the intangibles with which we deal do not lend themselves to tabulation, we theorize on the probable developments and the hopeful tendencies. Because we find it difficult to live up to ideals of divine origin, we compromise and reduce standards. We really ask for a loss of distinctiveness. We leave ourselves wide open for the secular process which grinds away at making pulp out of souls which will blend easily into the lump called modern humanity.

We speak as groups. We remain inactive as individuals. We proclaim from the strength of the masses. We remain silent from the position of risk we have as individuals. We nobly proclaim the ideals of democratic processes, whether national, state or local, and remain lethargic examples of individualistic anarchy. We threaten with the power of God's judgement. We turn away with weakness of unconvinced individuals. We institutionalize our witness to Christ and then we complain when the institution fails to create saints of those we have to face as individuals open to our personal witness.

The spoil speeds. The prey hastes.

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Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
My chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him,
He will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
Or make it heard in the streets;
A bruised reed he will not break,
And a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
He will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not fail or be discouraged
Till he has established justice in the earth;
And the coastlands wait for his law.

/Isaiah 42:1-4 RSV

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient; in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves . . .

/KJ

Have nothing to do with stupid, senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, an apt teacher, forbearing, correcting his opponents with gentleness.

/RSV

But have nothing to do with silly and ill-informed controversies which lead inevitably, as you know, to strife. And the Lord's servant must not be a man of strife: he must be kind to all, ready and able to teach; he must have patience and the ability gently to correct those who oppose his message.

/Phillips

It is notable that in Christian circles more time is spent in battles concerned with whether to paint the sanctuary walls light green or blue, whether to use offering envelopes or not, whether to use one hymnal or another, than is spent in battling sin. Or is it that we believe anyone disagreeing with us in these vital matters is sinful?

Controversy within the church, when it is within a perspective of Christian love and the gospel, can be a wholesome experience through which growth may occur. When controversy becomes petty and self-centered, it is corrosive and denies the very fellowship of faith in which it occurs.

One is led to wonder if the number of people alienated from the church because of foolish arguments and obstinacy has ever been balanced by those won to the church by gentle and forbearing witnesses who have had enough belief to remain patient and rationally faithful to the God of truth. In these days of rank emotionalism and irrational subservience to half-truths, the words to Timothy ring true. The Christian virtues of patience and gentle insistence that facts be dealt with in a realistic and God-centered manner have never been more important.

The Cross Of Self-Denial

To deny one's self and take up one's cross: this is Jesus' command. Self-denial is a cross which we do not habitually carry. We are much more interested in gratifying and asserting ourselves. Our thoughts, our words, and our actions naturally and automatically revolve around ourselves. We can all identify with the confession of the high school student who said that "it sems like I'm always really thinking of myself, even when I pretend to be just terribly interested in someone else." It is a radical thing to bear a cross (daily) of self-denial. It requires the painful task of pruning our words and actions of self-centeredness.

But why do we consistently seek to gratify and assert ourselves? Is it not because we want to achieve importance? The reason Christ and those who follow him seek to deny themselves in the interest of God's will and the needs of other people is precisely because they do not have to achieve importance. They know themselves to be important by virtue of the revealed fact of God's infinite love. Therefore it becomes unnecessary to go about trying to convince other people of our importance by doing and saying and owning the things that are "in." The cross of self-denial exists not as an impediment to the richness of life but as a doorway which leads out of the prison of self-concern and into the fulfillment of existence which God desires for us.

Following Christ To Calvary

The Reverend Joe A. French, minister at Plymouth Congregational Church outside of Raleigh, and Amelia Church in Clayton, has planned a nine part Lenten series which will culminate in a reception for new members at Plymouth. The scope of the Lenten season is well-illustrated in his emphases:

The Meaning and Message of Lent (Feb. 7)
Judas Betrays His Lord (Feb. 21)
Jesus' Trial Before High Churchmen (March 7)
Peter Denies His Lord (March 21)
Herod Mocks and Scorns the Christ (April 4)
From The Passover to the Lord's Supper (April 15 evening)
The Verdict of the Judge (April 16 evening)
The Arrest of Jesus (April 17 evening)
Love So Amazing, So Divine (April 18)

Advance announcement was made of these concerns and the scripture passages around which they center. Encouragement was given to members for advance study of these passages in preparation for worship.

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FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

Progress — Southern Conference

This report was made to the Interim Board of Directors of the Southern Conference, which met at Burlington on February 12. It was requested that it be made available for THE CHRISTIAN SUN, THE STANDARD, and THE NEWSLETTER.

The Southern Conference is becoming more of a practical reality. Much work is being done cooperatively. Committees are at work. We cite the following instances:

1. **Health and Welfare Committee**, with Rev. Lawrence A. Leonard as Conference Coordinator. Mr. Leonard attended the Health and Welfare Meeting at Chicago on January 18-20, 1965, on behalf of the three judicatories. The Health and Welfare Committee has been given two assignments:

(1) Secure information from ministers through printed forms as to Health and Welfare agencies in our communities; and

(2) Distribute information sheets to ministers for their files of helpful materials and agencies available nationally for Health and Welfare.

2. **Church Extension,** Rev. Harold Myers, Conference Coordinator. Representatives from the three judicatories were invited to meet with Rev. Harold Myers and Dr. J. Edmund Lippy at the Congregational United Church on February 9, in an effort to work out a satisfactory church extension procedure for the Southern Conference. A very pleasant and helpful meeting was held. Suggested procedures will be referred to the three Executive Boards of the judicatories. Rev. Frank Bostian, Rev. K. D. Register, and Rev. J. T. Stanley will form a Committee to suggest twelve nominees, four from each administrative area, to form an Interim Committee, together with Rev. Harold Myers, on Church Extension for the Southern Conference.

3. **Evangelism,** Dr. Odell Leonard, Conference Coordinator. Dr. Odell Leonard, Rev. Billy Joe Leonard, Rev. Kenneth Register, and Rev. Bill Simmons, together with Acting Association Chairmen of Committees on Evangelism, are at work on the Mission on Renewal and Evangelism program for the Southern Conference. Individual churches are now enrolling in the program which begins in March of 1965 and will continue for a full year. A Mission Week, beginning with October 4, will be shared by all participating churches. It is hoped that many other churches will enroll and participate in this great program on evangelism. Evangelism is the heart of the mission of the church. Surely, all churches should be involved in this effort.

4. **Publications.** When legally consolidated, the Southern Conference Board of Directors will provide for an Advisory Committee on Publications. In the interim, much planning and work must needs be done. A consultation was held at Greensboro on February 9, to which representatives from the three judicatories were invited to discuss and make tentative plans for the launching of the **Southern Conference News.** Rev. Aubrey Hedrick, Rev. Richard Rinker, and Rev. J. Taylor Stanley or someone he will name, will hold another consultation on February 23. This consultation committee will present the plans for the consideration of the Budget Committee.

5. **Lay Life and Work,** Mrs. W. D. Gay, Conference Coordinator. Plans are now under consideration which would call for a meeting of three representatives of the Churchmen's Fellowship of the three judicatories meeting together with Mrs. F. C. Lester, Dr. J. Earl Danieley, and Mrs. W. D. Gay, Conference Coordinator, to be held as soon as possible. Perhaps this group might be the Conference Committee on Lay Life and Work for the interim.

6. **Our Christian World Mission,** Mr. W. H. Baker, Conference Coordinator. Rev. Melvin Palmer, Superintendent Clyde Fields, and W. H. Baker attended the Regional Leaders' meeting held by the Stewardship Council, Atlanta, Georgia, January 18-20, 1965. The plans for the Every Church Visitation program were discussed at length. It is planned for a team of visitors to share stewardship and information regarding Our Christian World Mission with every local church in the Southern Conference during the fall of 1965. Training sessions for Every Church Visitors will be held at Moonelon Conference Center, Salisbury, Franklinton Center, and perhaps Wilmington on September 11, 1965. The training sessions at Moonelon and Franklinton Center will likely be held on September 10-11. This will afford an excellent opportunity for informed visitors to share with every local church the need for Our Christian World Mission support and the need for stewardship support of the Southern Conference coming into being.

7. **Budget and Finance,** Mr. W. W. Greenland, Conference Coordinator. Mr. Greenland has called a meeting of invited representatives of three judicatories to meet at Peace United Church, Greensboro, N. C., March 11, 1965, at 10:30 A. M. Mr. Greenland has requested copies of the 1964 budget formula process and apportionment or challenge goals for individual congregations of the three uniting judicatories. This will provide a basis of past performance. The Budget and Finance Committee will need the prayerful assistance of many people as it seeks to do its work.

8. **Historical Committee,** Dr. W. T. Scott, Sr., Conference Coordinator. It has been proposed that the Southern Conference would have three archives—one located at Elon College, another at Catawba College, and another at Franklinton Center at Bricks. The Southern Conference Historical Committee could be made up of the Coordinator, together with three representatives named by the three archive units located at Elon College, Catawba College, and Franklinton Center at Bricks, and with three members named at large by the Southern Conference. This would provide for a proper historical continuity and records and materials would be gathered and stored at the three archives named above.

The Collegiate Staff, with Superintendent Clyde Fields as Chairman, has met on three occasions to discuss our common work together. The writer is grateful for the splendid spirit of cooperation that he finds with the other two Conference Executives.

There have been two meetings of the Interim Board of Directors—one on December 18, 1964, and another on February 12, 1965. The Board has found a confusion of terms of some handicap in its work. The joint counsel thinks of an initial Board of Directors, the Consolidated Southern Conference, when legally consummated, projects a Southern Conference Board of Directors, the Steering Committee Report adopted in Greensboro, November 17-18, 1964, speaks of an Interim Board of Directors, with certain limited duties. Growing out of this confusion, the Board has unanimously agreed to call the five representatives from each of the three judicatories, plus the elected officers of the Southern Conference and the three Conference Executives, when meeting as a group, to make use of the name, "Steering Committee." This has provided a familiar name and a valuable instrument for carrying on the work of the Southern Conference in the interim. This has been a most happy solution for the Board.

Superintendent Clyde L. Fields

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Catawba Development Program

Elon College's sister college of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C., has announced that the trustees of the school have approved recommendations of President Donald C. Dearborn that the school enter into a ten-year physical improvement and capital development program costing $4 million.

According to the **Greensboro Daily News** of February 17, work will begin immediately on the first phase of the program, arrangements for the financing of three new dormitories. It is expected that construction will begin in late summer.

Dr. Dearborn said the program would allow the College to expand both enrollment and its physical plant, raise faculty salaries, pay off outstanding debts, and double its endowment fund over the next decade.

One aspect of the program calls for the construction of three dormitories—two accommodating 100 men each and another for 125 women—which would permit the college to increase its enrollment from about 850 to 1,000.

Other aspects of the program, according to Dr. Dearborn, calls for the construction of a new field house and the payment of $25,000 due on the College Community Center and the $100,000 unpaid balance on the school chapel.

Congratulations to Catawba College on its new program designed to make more effective its Christian witness through higher education. The United Church of Christ in North Carolina and Virginia is fortunate to have these two outstanding institutions—Elon and Catawba.

WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL DO? . . .

Through the BUREAU OF RESEARCH AND SURVEY, the Council gathers and analyzes information, carries out research in cooperation with the colleges, universities and foundations; publishes Information Service, a bi-weekly review and digest; gathers church statistics and publishes them in The Yearbook of American Churches...

MANUALS

"Principles & Government of The Southern Convention" Badly Needed

The Church History Room badly needs copies of the following editions of the MANUALS ("Principles and Government of the Southern Convention"):

1867—First Edition	1908—Third Edition
1894—Second Edition	1922—Fourth Edition

If you have copies of the above and would like to have them preserved and used to enhance the history of the Southern Convention, please send them immediately to Mrs. Oma U. Johnson, Church History Room, Elon College, Elon College, North Carolina. Thank you.

Wm. T. Scott, Convention Historian

Former Faculty Member Authors Book

A lifelong struggle between stubborn and bitter poverty furnishes a background theme which runs through **"Time Was"** which has just appeared from the pen of John Foster West, a member of the English faculty of Elon College from 1949 until 1958. He is now a member of the faculty of Old Dominion College in Norfolk, Virginia.

Professor West, a son of the mountains, tells the vivid story of life and labor on a poor farm in the North Carolina hill country. The book portrays a tiny mountain cabin against the gold of a mountain grain field, the blue of the mountain sky and the almost black blue of the mountains themselves.

Luther Byrd, director of publicity at Elon College, pays high tribute to his former colleague, Professor West, in these words:

"The author's friends among faculty members and students at Elon College had faith that Professor West would attain his objective as an author, and they were not surprised in the least when informed recently that John Foster West's "Time Was" had come from the presses of Random House and would soon be on the shelves of the book stores. Driven by a never-ceasing urge to write, West wrote numerous short stories and even had a book of original poems published in 1951, but the short stories and poems were only stepping stones to a novel. He wrote and rejected hundreds of pages, always seeking to come forth with his novel, the novel which he knew he could write.

"There is much of the autobiographical in this book, for John Foster West himself is a native of the Western North Carolina mountains and was born on a small mountain farm just as was John Matlock Ward, the hero and principal character of "Time Was," so West knows first hand the life and character of mountain tenant farmers."

His many friends will remember Professor West who was on the Elon College campus for nine years, and where he taught creative writing along with his regular English classes in grammar and literature, and where he served as faculty sponsor for the campus literary magazine during the nine-year period from 1949 until 1958. His many friends at Elon offer hearty congratulations to Professor West.

Service Of Worship & Remembrance

A service of worship dedicated to the memory of William Aaron Cole, Jr. and Joseph Robert Sawyer, Jr., students who lost their lives in a tragic automobile accident, was held in Whitley Auditorium at 10 o'clock a. m., February 9, 1965. The music for the service was provided by the organist, Miss Janet Lamm, at the organ and by the Elon College Singers under the direction of Professor Wendell Bartholf. The scripture readings were given by E. Franklin Harris, who read from the Old Testament. These young men were close personal friends of Bill and Bob. Reverend John S. Graves, Campus Minister, gave a personal tribute and lead in the pastoral prayer. The congregational hymn "For All the Saints" was sung by the student body and faculty to conclude the service, following which the benediction was given by Mr. Graves, and the service was concluded by taps played by Professor Jack O. White. The altar flowers were given to the glory of God and in the memory of Bill and Bob by their friends and neighbors. This was a lovely service and brought the whole campus members closer together.

FAITHFULLNESS IN WORSHIP

Pope's Chapel UCC

During January, 1964, the Pope's Chapel United Church of Christ at Franklinton, North Carolina, initiated the Starlight Attendance Program. During this emphasis, each member put forth more effort to be sure to attend each Sunday morning worship service come rain, snow or sun.

Recognition was made each quarter of those who had been faithful in regular worship. This kept the program before the congregation. On January 10, 1965, the first full year was completed and recognition was made of the twenty-eight people who had maintained a regular worship attendance record. The special service, conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. N. Daughtry, brought a new awareness to the congregation that God had truly blessed them.

In the report recently made about this program, it was stated, "Attendance in God's House must come because the individual wants to attend as did this twenty-eight, and we are praying that through God's grace the number will increase in 1965."

House Building

> "Through wisdom is a house builded;
> and by understanding it is established:
> and by knowledge shall the chambers be
> filled with all precious and pleasant
> riches".

Isn't that beautiful! "Every room shall be filled with precious and pleasant riches"! How is such a house built? "Through wisdom", "by understanding", "and by knowledge"! How about that, I like that.

I can see it there now. When you come up to it for the first time it is not a great house. It has its several rooms to be sure, but they are plain and without sufficient closets, and as a matter of fact it could be improved in many ways, "but every room (the chambers) shall be filled with precious and pleasant riches"!

"Through wisdom", the wise perception of heart, and mind, and of a young man and a young woman. That is not where the wisdom began, however it was learned from wise parents, parents of understanding, and knowledge. Thus the house at the end of the lane was built on trust and love, and wisdom and understanding.

Let knowledge and understanding, and understanding and knowledge go hand in hand, and the increasing years will bring precious memories, and pleasant riches.

With but little use of your concordance you will learn that: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and that knowledge and understanding are given those whose lives are divinely dedicated.

Look at the line, "precious and pleasant riches"; I guess that does not necessarily mean expensive antiques, rich carpets and big bank accounts. It has to be things "precious" and at the same time "pleasant". Rightly gained, and greatly loved! Could it not also apply to a family, or community, or nation?

Let us seek to fill our lives with the right choices, and our homes with "precious and pleasant riches". May God help us so to do. Amen.

John G Truitt

MISSION WORKSHOP ON NEW NATIONS
Warwick & First, Newport News

Continuing Mission Study

The second in a series of four meetings was held Sunday evening, February 14, 6-8 p. m., at the Warwick United Church of Christ, Newport News, Virginia, sponsored jointly with the First United Church of Christ. Following the theme of **New Nations,** the secretary of Hampton Institute, Mr. Robert Lazear, and four student nationals from Africa presented a thrilling story of that continent today.

One young national from South Africa gave a resume of his escape from the apartheid society and his trek while being hunted across the entire continent and his final discovery by charitable interests who have made higher education possible here at Hampton, Virginia.

Another national revealed that he owed the fact of his presence as an educated, English-speaking African to the Christian missionary work but that as he matured he rejected the Christian Church because of its attitude in the racial struggle.

More than one hundred people attended in spite of a snow storm. Word from Rev. Carl Wallace, pastor of the First Church, indicates, "They must surely feel as I do that it was well worth the effort."

Medical Missions

Adidome Hospital

"There is a real need to visit the village and show interest...."

My work now is almost entirely medical as I am the only doctor here (we have high hopes for another soon). In this setting I have been on call every day for a month but have felt good when working this much and, hence, well and happy.

Adidome Hospital (seven years old) can accommodate 72 inpatients and 70 to 90 outpatients daily, six days a week. The institution is largely Government supported and has several national union organizations. Major surgery is done almost every day and there averages one delivery daily.

The hospital day usually begins with morning prayer at 7 a.m. which is led by hospital staff and student nurses, orderlies, repair men, doctors and manager. After morning prayers (a short worship service), rounds on the three wards are made. The pediatric cases require the most attention, there being many (15 to 20) with acute lung and gastro-intestinal infections and cerebral-malaria seizures. In the same building, the mat-cases recover, a situation which is not optimal for control of infection but is as controlled as space allows.

There is a real need to visit the village and show interest in the people and their health as this may strengthen a reluctant urge to come for treatment. This has been impossible for me, however, as I have only had time to work here at the hospital.

At the hospital I have been very much impressed by some of the quick-acting nurses, as this has meant the saving of lives in a couple of emergencies recently. These nurses were trained at Worawora where UCBWM people serve as tutors.

Dr. Norman Weber
Ghana, West Africa

ON THE EDGE

At **Monticello United Church of Christ**, the men of the church have begun to challenge the women of the church. On February 14, the men enjoyed a breakfast together and organized the **Laymen's Fellowship.** Phillip Faucette was elected president; J. E. Cumbie, vice president; Horace Faucette, secretary-treasurer.

The Women's Fellowship at Monticello had Mrs. C. R. Oliver, Jr., as speaker at their March 3 meeting. Mrs. Oliver is a missionary to the Congo for the Presbyterian Church. She and her husband are now studying at Chapel Hill.

The Women's Fellowship at **Mt. Zion United Church of Christ in Mebane** had Mr. J. White as guest speaker at their February 12 meeting. Mr. White is from the Orange County Welfare Office.

The Youth Sunday observance at **Calvary United Church of Christ, Thomasville,** was February 28. Theme for the morning worship led by the youth fellowship was "Youth Speaks For Lent."

Dr. David Irvine, president of the Alamance County Mental Health Association and supervisor of Guidance and Special Services for Burlington City Schools, spoke to the Women's Guild of **St. Mark's United Church of Christ in Burlington** on February 8. His topic was "The Problem of Mental Health."

The young people at **Shallow Well United Church of Christ, Sanford,** witnessed to their faith in a "Dialogue on Christian Faith" in the Youth Sunday observance on February 7. About nineteen participated plus twenty in the Junior Choir.

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ, Eclipse, will be sharing in cooperative Lenten Services to be held at Ebenezer Methodist Church in Crittenden each evening, March 7-12. Guest preachers will include **Rev. John R. Lackey, pastor of Bayview UCC, Norfolk;** Rev. Fred B. Wyand, Jr., Trinity Methodist pastor in Smithfield; **Rev. Garland Bennett, pastor of the Great Bridge UCC in Chesapeake;** Rev. Carroll Fink, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Churchland; **Rev. Carroll Lewis, Rosemont UCC pastor from Chesapeake;** Dr. John F. Owens, Monumental Methodist of Portsmouth pastor. The minister for Mt. Zion UCC is Rev. James Madren.

On January 24, at **Happy Home United Church of Christ,** special recognition was given to the children, young people and adults who had faithfully attended church school at the church or visiting elsewhere during the preceding year. Altogether thirty-eight people received this recognition, with four who had compiled a nine year record. Of particular interest is Mr. Robert Page, one of the nine year attenders. Three of his children were in the hospital having tonsils removed over one Sunday; he arranged to have a teacher visit them there with the morning lesson. Two of these children share nine-year honors with him.

The regular monthly training session for church school administrators and teachers in all departments was held at **Shelton Memorial United Church of Christ, Portsmouth,** on February 23. Watch for these training sessions!

Church school teachers, men's and women's fellowship leaders, members of special work committees at **St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Greensboro,** met for a retreat on February 21 to plan and prepare for the MISSION ON RENEWAL AND EVANGELISM movement in which the church is sharing.

APRIL 15 DEADLINE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FOR MINISTERS

Ministers may enroll in Social Security as self-employed persons, provided they apply before April 15. After that the SS rolls will be open only to those who newly enter the ministry. William K. Newman and Silas P. Bittner, heads of the denomination's pension funds, urge ministers not yet enrolled to take steps now to secure this coverage. Waiver Form 2031 must be filed and tax paid before April 15 even though the minister was enrolled as a layman before entering the ministry. Self-employment tax must be paid for the period from Jan. 1, 1962-Dec. 31, 1964, or from date of self-employment in the ministry, whichever period is shorter.

BLUEPRINT FOR UNION IN BRITAIN

Representatives of the Congregational Union of England and Wales and the Presbyterian Church of England have unanimously agreed on a statement of principles for a union of the two Churches. It will be recommended to their respective assemblies in May. If the assemblies approve, the statement will go to presbyteries and local churches for discussion. A Presbyterian-Congregational union, if achieved, will be the first in Britain between two churches of differing forms of government.

GREENE MOVES TO NCC HUMMON SUCCEEDS IN T&C POST

The Rev. Dr. Shirley E. Greene, chairman of the staff of the Homeland Board's Town and Country Department, moves to the National Council of Churches March 1, as associate director of the Division on Christian Life and Mission. He will coordinate the work of the various NCC agencies working on the war against poverty. The Rev. Serge F. Hummon, Chicago, now a secretary in the department, will succeed Dr. Greene. He will move to the New York City headquarters this summer.

CCSA READY FOR MORE UN SEMINARS

The Council for Christian Social Action is now prepared to plan seminars for church groups that wish to visit the United Nations. Miss Hazel T. Johns has joined the staff as assistant to the international relations secretary, the Rev. Dr. Herman F. Reissig. A native of Bassein, Burma, Miss Johns will direct the administration and promotion of UN seminars and other educational programs at the new Church Center for the United Nations. She comes to the United Church from the staff of United Church Women of the National Council of Churches where she has been involved in its UN training seminars.

MRS. SARAH MITCHELL POWELL

Member of the Spring Hill Congregational Christian Church, died January 17 at Rocky Mount, N. C. Funeral at Rocky Mount and Richmond, Virginia, with Rev. Joseph A. Talley, pastor of First Congregational Christian Church of Richmond, officiating. Mrs. Powell was sister of Mrs. Annie L. Brown, past president of the Waverly District Women's Fellowship.

The Reverend J. Murray MacInnes, recently returned from eight years of Missionary service in Angola Portuguese West Africa, was the Family Night Speaker on Sunday, Feb. 21, in Suffolk Christian Church. The Rev. Mr. Mac Innes spoke on the Role of the Christian Church in Angola, and the entire continent of Africa. He was very efective in relating a necessary world outlook to the local congregation. The **Family Night** program was sponsored by the Youth Ministry of the Suffolk Church.

Cypress Chapel

Youth Week was observed at Cypress Chapel with the Senior Hi group teaching classes on Sunday, Jan. 31.

On Sunday, Feb. 7, the Junior and Senior groups had complete charge of the morning worship service. They used as their theme Songs for a Small Planet.

Peggy Harrell presided over the service. Richie Baines read the scripture and offered the morning prayer. Blake Monroe gave an Introduction to Youth Week. The Junior Hi group filled the choir and presented the special music for the morning. Judith Brinkley gave the message entitled "The Unity of Christ and Science." Bobby Babb gave the benediction and served as chief usher. Other ushers were: Larry Jones, Roland Green, Phil Winslow, and Danny Steverson. Janet Speight served as organist.

The advisors for the Senior Hi group are Mrs. C. Wesley Brinkley and Mrs. Vernon Babb. Junior Hi advisors are Mrs. Edwin Hunter and Mrs. Ernest Lassiter.

After the worship service the Women's Fellowship under the leadership of Mrs. Henry Rountree served both Fellowship groups lunch in the church fellowship hall. Mrs. R. E. Brittle, advisor of the Eastern Virginia Conference, was welcomed as a special guest at the worship service and luncheon.

Rev. James Monroe, pastor of the church spoke to the group on the Importance of Young People in the Church. Judith Brinkley conducted a song service after which the Junior Hi group presented a closing worship service.

Suffolk Christian P. F.

Officers of The Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship of Suffolk Christian Church led the congregaton in worship on Sunday, January 31. These included Barbara Ramsey, President, who led in the Responsive Call to Worship, and Invocation; James Parr, Fellowship Chairman, who read the New Testament Lesson; Evelyn Writtenberry, Faith Chairman, who led the Old Testament Responsive Reading; Lauren Marr, Vice-President, who led in the unison reading of the Youth Ministry Affirmation of Faith and Purpose, and in the Service of Prayer; Elizabeth Freeman, Secretary, who spoke on the topic, "What is The Youth Ministry?"; Ray Early, Jr., Action Chairman, who spoke on "The Minute For Missions"; and Lynn Tyler, Treasurer, who led in the Worship of Offering. The pastor, The Rev. Robert B. Marr, preached the morning sermon on the topic, "Building A Strong House."

Recently the Suffolk young people have been host to the Pilgrim Fellowships of the Berea Church in Driver for two meetings, one of which featured a visit to the Jewish Synagogue in Suffolk, and the other a visit to the Roman Catholic Church in Suffolk. On Sunday, Feb. 14, the Suffolk young people met with the P. F. of Oakland Church, returning a visit made by the Oakland young people to Suffolk in the fall.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

Has Your P. F. Sent In Its Apportionment?

Please send in your Pilgrim Fellowship group's apportionments soon! Our good ship "Christianity" needs funds to stay afloat! Local churches should send their youth group's share to their conference treasurer:

Eastern Virginia
Russell Turner, Box 157, Holland, Va.

Eastern North Carolina (Henderson District)
Linda Strothers, Rt. 1, Box 58, Youngsville, N. C.

Eastern North Carolina (Sanford District)
Janice Langston, 1301 Seventh St., Sanford, N. C.

North Carolina and Virginia
Gail York, 2824 Liberty Rd., Greensboro, N. C.

Western North Carolina
Janie Ragsdale, 131 Highland Ave., Albemarle, N. C.

These conference treasurers will then send whatever portion of the incoming apportionment has been designated for Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship share to the Southern Convention P. F. Treasurer: **Richard Kimball, 522 Parkview Dr., Burlington, N. C.**

Please note that support for special projects such as OPERATION ICEBREAKER may be sent either to Richard Kimball or Box 336, Elon College, N. C. in care of OPERATION ICEBREAKER.

Traditionally, half of all apportionment income goes for missions work through Our Christian World Mission. The remainder is used to send delegates to Youth Forum and for planning meetings of Southern Convention officers as they get ready for the summer activities. Please take your share so our work can continue. You may write to your conference treasurer to find out what amount should be considered a fair share.

THE SENIOR HIGH PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP PLANNING AND TRAINING CONFERENCE

1965 THEME: NEW PATTERNS FOR OLD TRUTHS

MOONELON CENTER JUNE 20-26

FAITH WITNESS OUTREACH CITIZENSHIP FELLOWSHIP

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 15, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 199.67
Eastern North Carolina Conference	4.00
Western North Carolina Conference	17.50
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	170.89
Total	$ 392.06
Special Offerings	
Mrs. Coy Ellis, Clayton, North Carolina	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Partin, Raleigh, N. C.	10.00
Women's Fellowship, 1st Cong. Church, Stamford, Conn.	10.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Fields W. Cobb, Sr. (6 Memorials)	
In Memory of Captain Cleveland Dunning	
In Memory of Mrs. J. E. McCauley	
In Memory of Mrs. M. Z. Rhodes	
In Memory of Mrs. Alice Lloyd	
In Memory of Mrs. Ada Gunn	
Total Memorial Gifts	70.00
Special Offerings	8,739.75
Total	$8,834.75
Total for the Week	$9,226.81

Virginia Group Visits Elon

Seventeen young people and adults visited Elon College, the Home for Children, and Moonelon over the Washington's birthday weekend in February. These travellers came from the Rock Spring Congregational Church at Arlington, Va., just outside of Washington, D. C.

Before stopping at Elon, the group visited Franklinton Center at Bricks and Chapel Hill. It was with this church at Arlington that our 1964 Travel Seminar stopped on their way through Washington. The Elon College Community Church provided hospitality for the Arlingtonites overnight. The College provided meals in the dining hall. On Sunday evening of their visit, the Elon church P. F. met with them and shared their evening program and refreshments with the visitors. The opportunity for fellowship was a good one and one which needs to be encouraged among our young people.

February 15, 1965

Dear Friends:

Just recently we received from the Women's Fellowship of the Church of Wide Fellowship in Southern Pines, N. C., a check in the amount of $368 for the purpose of renovation of the furniture in Johnston Hall. We were very pleased to hear from Mrs. Isabelle Beasley telling us of the interest of the women's group in this project. This women's group also last year participated in helping to furnish Wisseman Cottage.

The furniture that we now have in Johnston Hall is in much need of being replaced. Some of it can be repaired and used, but most of it has almost reached the point of being un-usable.

We hope that there will be other groups who will want to join with this Women's Fellowship from Southern Pines and help us to bring the equipment up to acceptable standards. We would certainly be most appreciative if other groups would join with this group in helping us with this project this year.

At the present time, the older boys, under Mr. Charles Perkins' supervision, are painting the rooms. They work at this task each evening after school as well as on Saturday. We are very pleased with the fine work these boys are doing. This is a good time for them to work at it since they do not have so many farm chores that have to be done this time of the year. Thus, once we get it painted, if we could follow by putting in the proper furniture, it would mean much to the boys who live in these facilities.

Again, we would like to invite anyone to assist with this project who might have a desire. If you want to make a direct donation to this project, merely state when sending the contribution that it is for furniture in Johnston Hall.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder

LENTEN SERVICES AT SUFFOLK

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 3rd, special Mid-week Lenten Services will be held at 8 o'clock in Suffolk Christian Church on the Wednesdays preceding Easter. The pastor, The Rev. Robert B. Marr, has announced that the meditation themes will pursue the meanings of The Seven Last Words from The Cross. The special services for deepening the devotional life of the congregation during Lent will conclude with Maundy Thursday Communion and a mid-day Good Friday Service during Holy Week.

Installation Of Dan W. Jones

A Service of Installation for Rev. Daniel Webster Jones, Jr., was held at the First Congregational Christian (United Church of Christ) Church, Reidsville, N. C, February 14, at 7:30 p. m. Participants in the service included Rev. Winfred Bray, Rev. Kenneth D. Register, Rev. D. Edwin Bailey, Minister of Main Street Methodist Church, Reidsville, N. C., Mr. William Edwin Gunn, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Church, Rev. Lafayette T. Wilkins, Jr., Mr. Walter Scott, Director of Music, Miss Emma Cardwell Lively, Organist, and the church choir, and Superintendent Clyde L. Fields.

A reception was held in the social hall of the new educational building following the Service of Installation. The Women's Fellowship, with Mrs. John Briggs as President, was in charge of the reception. Attendance for the Installation Service was commendable in spite of the snow storm and severe winter weather.

National Report — M. O. R. E.

NO END IN SIGHT
AS DEMAND FOR MORE EXCEEDS SUPPLY

Mission on Renewal and Evangelism, major field project of the BHM's Evangelism Division, is scheduled up to the end of 1965 with new appointments being made constantly, the Rev. Dr. Gerald J. Jud reports.

A full-scale MORE project usually involves a "cluster" of churches in a region. Sometimes churches of denominations other than the UCC participate. The program of evangelism and renewal through mission runs for an entire year. Individual churches can also "adapt MORE to their aloneness," Dr. Jud says. Write the MORE office (2969 West 25th St., Cleveland, Ohio, 44113), for explanatory booklet, "The Elements and Patterns of a Mission on Renewal."

Southern Conference Women

Spiritual Retreats

Sponsored by the Women's Coordinating Committee of the Southern Synod, Southern Convention and Convention of the South

Mission: The Christian's Calling

March 30 **Western North Carolina**
Trinity Church, 229 Second Avenue, N. E., Conover, N. C. Lunch—$1.00

March 31 **Eastern North Carolina**
St. Mark's, near Burlington (on Elon College exit off I 85). Bring sandwiches. Dessert and coffee served.

April 1 **Southern Virginia**
Bayview Church, 1051 Bayview Blvd., Norfolk, Va. Lunch—$1.00.

Registration at 9:30 a. m. Program begins at 10:00 and ends at 2:00.

Leaders: **Mrs. David (Helen) Baker,** recently-retired editor for **The Church Woman** and now with the United Church of Christ Office of Communication with responsibilities for articles concerning our Board for World Ministries. She and her husband were once E & R missionaries in Japan.

Mrs. W. E. (Graham) Wisseman, member of the Women's Committee of the Council for Lay Life and Work and wife of the pastor of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Greensboro.

Local presidents of women's groups should send in the attendance estimate which was sent to each group in order to permit host churches adequate time to prepare.

We've always had adult education in this country. It's called parenthood.—Kiplinger Changing Times

LAY LIFE & WORK

Churchmen's Fellowship Rally

The February 21 Churchmen's Fellowship Rally held at Elon College provided a good variety of opportunities for information and inspiration. Summary statements of activities and plans of men's work in the Convention of the South, Southern Synod and Southern Convention were presented by representatives of the groups. Dr. J. Earl Danieley gave a synoptic view of national points of view; he is the president for the Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ. Mrs. Henry Kennedy, Jr., shared some of the joint ventures of the three women's groups with the men present.

Music was an important part of the day. Led by W. H. Baker, the men began the afternoon program by singing hymns. The Elon College Quartet provided inspirational background for the Rally with two hymns. In the evening, Professor and Mrs. A. S. Moffat of Elon College shared their fine musical talents with the men at the banquet tables.

The meal itself was a sumptuous repast fit for the most demanding culinary customer. The college kitchen provided a super-buffet unsurpassed in the experience of many present. Following this wonderful treat, the special guest speaker for the Rally, Rev. Theodore Van Dyke, Secretary for World Service of the United Church Board for World Ministries, St. Louis, offered a stimulating and inspiring picture of our mission throughout the world. The challenge he left with the men will not soon be forgotten.

The following churches were represented at the Rally: Great Bridge (1), Franklin Hunterdale (3), Holy Neck (8), Mt. Carmel Walters (4), Christian Temple (1), Suffolk Bethlehem (3), Cypress Chapel (5), Liberty Spring (5), Windsor Antioch (2).

Garner Trinity (2), Henderson First (6), Liberty Vance (3), Louisburg New Hope (5), Plymouth Raleigh (6), Shallow Well Sanford (2), Albemarle (3), Asheboro (4), Liberty (2), Pleasant Hill Liberty (1), Hank's Chapel (4), Randleman (3), Sophia (1), Bethlehem Altamahaw (1), Monticello (6), Beverly Hills (1), Burlington First (3), Carolina (1), Long's Chapel (1), Union Ridge (6), Elon College Community (16), Concord (1), Shallow Ford (6), Apple's Chapel (2), Greensboro CUUC (1), Reidsville (2), Danville (4), and Vernon Hill Ingram (2).

From the Southern Synod, six were in attendance. From the Convention of the South there were three guests. Robert A. Knowles, formerly on the staff of the Southern Convention was present, as was William T. Scott, Jr., now a pastor in Rhode Island and formerly minister of our Durham church.

By conferences the attendance was: North Carolina and Virginia—53; Western North Carolina—18; Eastern North Carolina—24; Eastern Virginia—32. These were registered participants, totalling 139 with guests.

WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL DO? . . .

Through the General Department of UNITED CHURCH WOMEN, the Council promotes the united work of church women in missions, world relations and social action; sponsors the World Day of Prayer; World Community Day for relief and international understanding; May Fellowship Day for the local community; and programs of leadership education.

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

Where In The World Is The Church?

By Lanson Granger

The Church is here to be a servant. That's why we are here. That's our calling. This is our role and our task. Kyle Haseldon, editor of "The Christian Century" has a sentence which I have been pondering, which sums up all I have been trying to say: "The churches were not called into being to rule the world, but to serve it; not to reject the world, but to embrace it with redeeming love; not to withdraw from the world, but to penetrate it with a healing and nurturing spirit."

Some words of Jesus can take on for us new meaning: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." We have taken those words to mean, "Go ye into all parts of the world, into every nation." And this the Church has sought to do. Missionaries have gone into the farthest outposts of the earth. But I wonder if we cannot hear, too, the echo of another emphasis in those words of Jesus: "Go ye into all the world" means to penetrate into every area of life, into every facet of this that we refer to as the "secular world." The familiar words of John's gospel do not read: "God so loved the 'church' that He gave his Son." But, "God so loved 'the world' . . ." The Church is not to be a segment on the fringe of the world; it is to be in the world. It is called to be a servant.

If this is so, it follows, that we as a Church need to listen to the world. We need to listen to what the world is saying to us. We need to try to understand what its needs are, and what its hopes and fears are.

This, of course, is not the usual stance that we have taken. If we think we have the answers to what people are looking for, then we'll say "Let them come to us." And sometimes I wonder if the Church has not been in the position of giving answers to questions that people are not even asking, of becoming irrelevant because we have grown accustomed to talking to ourselves, so that we no longer hear what the world is saying. What we need is to enter into dialogue with the world, with this community in which we reside. We need to listen as well as to speak. We need to ask questions and be open.

Unfinished Task In Missions

Should the missionaries overseas come home? The Rev. Dr. J. Russell Chandran, president of United Theological College, Bangalore, India, answered with a resounding "No!" He spoke at the United Church Assembly, French Lick, Ind., January 31.

Dr. Chandran said the missionary enterprise is an "unfinished task." While changing times challenge the church to "rethink the nature of the Christian mission," they do not "alter the source of the mission which is Christ and the mandate from Him to go and proclaim the good news and to make disciples of Christ in all nations."

It is important for the missionary to realize, he said, that "We cannot take Christ with us as though He is our possession. We can only go with Him and witness to Him before the people to whom He sends us."

Timothy Chang's Ordination

Richard L. Jackson

On Sunday, January 24th, in Myerstown, Penna, a deep blanket of snow covered the ground. Under the snow, freezing rain the day before, had deposited a layer of ice. What a day to expect people to come to church! And this was day Timothy Chang was to be ordered as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Myerstown United Church of Christ.

In spite of adverse weather conditions, a large congregation was gathered in the newly redecorated, very beautiful sanctuary of the church. The paster of the Myerstown church, the Rev. Dr. M. J. Jeffers gave the invocation and call to worship.

The scripture lesson was read by Dr. Pierce Swope, a veteran paster. No-one could guess from his appearance or by the forceful way he read the lesson that he was 80 years of age.

Regretfully it was announced that Dr. W. T. Scott who was to have delivered the sermon was unable to be present because of illness.

After I was introduced as the preacher of the morning I told the congregation of the apprehension we felt when, in 1947, Dorothy and I first went to Showu, China. What would it be like to live in a foreign land among strange people, speaking an alien tongue?

Then I told them of the wonderful Christian family, the Changs, who did so much to make us feel at home, of Timothy who helped me with my language, and how we came to love and admire them all.

I related to the congregation how the women of the Southern Convention had later made it possible for Timothy to come to America and study for the ministry at the Divinity School of Duke University, and how, because of political conditions in China Timothy was unable to return.

But now, having found numerous opportunities to serve in the United Churches of Christ in Pennsylvania, he was being ordered to the Christian ministry.

Following the sermon and the act of ordination, Timothy was the recipient of several gifts. There were four stoles of the various liturgical colors presented by organizations of the church and an individual communion set. Then, on behalf of the women of the Southern Convention, I presented Timothy with a handsome leather RSV Bible and I read a letter from the Durham Church - the first church Timothy joined in the United States.

After a closing prayer, the congregation sang the hymn "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us", although I must confess I couldn't sing at all. When that hymn was sung a lump came into my throat and I had to fight to keep back the tears. "Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us" was the favorite hymn of the East Gate Church in Showu - where Timothy and his family worshipped every Sunday. As the hymn was sung, I could see them all - the Changs, the Lees, the Liaos, the Huangs and a host of others - worshipping and singing together.

After the service was over, when finally I could speak again, I asked Timothy who had selected the last hymn, and he admitted that it was his choice.

Following the service a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church where I met many of Timothy and Annabel's friends. It warmed my heart to see how fond everyone seemed to be of them and in what esteem they were held. It was cold and snowy outside, but the warmth of Christian fellowship within the church warmed the hearts of us all.

Youth Hymnal-Songbooks Available At S. C. Office

SONGS OF MANY NATIONS is a collection of nearly 150 songs and hymns for use by youth groups. Now in its twelfth edition, this book is well-known to summer campers at church camps and conferences. Paperback and pocket-size, these helpful resources can be purchased for 30c each or 25c each in quantities of 20 or more. The Southern Convention office has a supply. Unless the order is picked up at the office, postage will be extra.

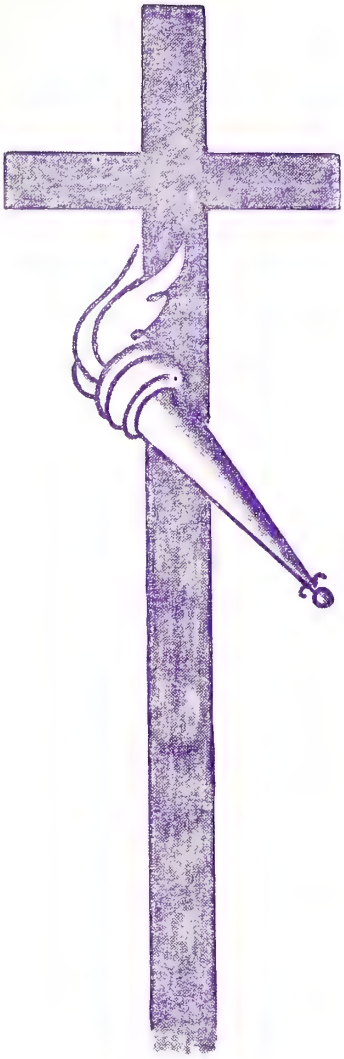
Amelia Youth At Work!

New chairs will be possible for the educational building at Amelia United Church of Christ thanks to the efforts of the Youth Fellowship of the church. They sponsored a Spaghetti Supper on February 17 over a three hour period of time which raised $75.22 for their chair project. This authentic meal was prepared under the leadership of Mrs. Ena Ford. Not only was it a profitable investment of their time, but also fun and enjoyable for those who shared in it.

Directions To Prince George Church — Women's Spring Rally

Those coming from Waverly will travel 460 west until they come to highway 156 three miles west of Disputanta. Turn left on 156 for three miles . . . the church is on the right side of the highway. Those coming from Richmond will turn left on highway 10 either from highway 301 or the Turnpike, come to Hopewell, turn right on 156 south through Hopewell and the church is seven miles from Hopewell on 156.

The Waverly District Women's Fellowship Spring Rally will be held at the Prince George Congregational Christian Church March 6 beginning at 10:00 a. m.



LENTEN EMPHASES IN OUR MISSION WORK

Special Milk Fund

1965 Women's Fellowship Spring Rallies

District	*Date*	*Church*
VIRGINIA		
Waverly	March 9	Prince George
Suffolk	March 10	Liberty Springs
Norfolk	March 11	Bayview
NORTH CAROLINA		
Sanford	March 12	Shallow Well
Asheboro	March 13	Pleasant Grove
Halifax	March 15	Virgilina, Union
Henderson-Raleigh	March 16	Garner, Trinity
Greensboro	March 18	Reidsville
Burlington	March 19	Beverly Hills

United Clothing Appeal

Hungry . . . and
you fed me

Naked . . . and
you clothed me

NOTES FROM THE DESK

What Are You Talking About?

Most areas of life have vocabularies which provide words and phrases for purposes of communicating ideas within their particular sphere of concern. In relating himself to the Ultimate, man has become accustomed to tossing around words which suggest familiarity with things holy. Few people get beyond the word-tossing stage.

In conversations with typical men and women associated with the church, two qualities become painfully clear. The individual resorts to the classic terms, i.e., the "religious" vocabulary. When pressed to go beyond these common terms, he talks in vague circles, drawing in still other Sunday School words and phrases too often given no attention since Sunday School days. He finds it extremely difficult, and not a little uncomfortable, to express a personal understanding of any of the great truths symbolized by what have come to be the carelessly-thrown about terminology of the modern churchman.

The other quality which sometimes comes to the fore is the naive conviction that even though he cannot express his beliefs to others in anything but trite words and phrases, he is convinced that he believes. "I really know what I believe; I just can't put it in words." Were this the basic stuff of Christianity, the gospel would forever remain a feeling within, without words with which to bear witness in relevant testimony to God's compassion and grace. The fact is, however, that our central authority for the gospel, the Bible, is a written authority. For centuries men have been compelled by the very nature of the gospel to testify by action and their beliefs behind their action. What do you believe?

When the "religious" vocabulary starts flying, what do you hear when the words are spoken? Church? Religion? Faith? What meaning have such words for you? Have you ever really thought about them, or are you a chronic word-tosser who uses the words as ends in themselves rather than as tools and symbols?

There are folks, after all, whom we can impress by name-dropping (or in this case, religious word-dropping). One's quality of religion is not infrequently judged by one's ability to use the jargon of salvation fluently.

Are you able to put down in writing just what these words mean beyond shallow vagueness? To get started, here are some words and statements about them to prime the pump. Agree or disagree, but (it is a temptation to say, for heaven's sake) know what you mean when you use them. Communicate your beliefs clearly when you bear witness.

THE CHURCH is a witnessing and teaching community of believers who are united in striving to learn and to do the will of God.

RELIGION is the systematic or spontaneous expression of man's relationship to God.

FAITH is unprovable belief, knowledge based on trust, and the motivation for the practice of religion in the community of believers called the church.

TO WITNESS is to worship, teach or serve with a growing awareness of life's depth and breadth in meaningful relationships with God.

Here is a Lenten project to take on which would add something rather than give something up. Find your beliefs; equip yourself to express them in ways having fresh meaning.

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Southern Conference Women

Spiritual Retreats

Mission: The Christian's Calling

March 30 **Western North Carolina**
Trinity Church, Concord

March 31 **Eastern North Carolina**
St. Mark's Church, Burlington

April 1 **Southern Virginia**
Bayview Church, Norfolk

Mrs. William E. Wisseman

See page 7 for information on the guest leaders: Mrs. David D. Baker and Mrs. W. E. Wisseman.

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion to the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

/KJ

Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days, and have nothing to eat; and I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."

/RSV

But Jesus quietly called his disciples to him. "My heart goes out to this crowd," he said. "They've stayed with me three days now and have no more food. I don't want to send them home without anything or they will collapse on the way."

/Phillips

A lot is heard about the joys of fellowship . . . how good it is, how much fun can be had, how heartwarming it can be. Whatever happened to the idea of responsibility in fellowship? This, after all, is one of the best reasons why some individuals, some church groups, some larger bodies refuse to share in any united effort to accomplish something for Christ. Fellowship without responsibility, sure. This is fine. But as soon as responsibilities come up, then these individuals, and their groups, draw back and acclaim themselves to be free and independent. Free, perhaps, to find easier ways. Independent enough, maybe, to be able to turn their heads from responsibility.

Fellowship which is genuine involves mutual concern, mutual trust, and mutual responsibility. This word, fellowship, is one which gets tossed around all over the place. Jesus fellowshiped with the crowd as they followed him. They lived together and shared in each others problems. They shared ideas and they had chances to grow together. Because they were "with him," they discovered what fellowship could mean . . . and for them it turned out to be a miracle involving food.

There is little of the miraculous in fellowship as it takes place in our midst. There is a rather superficial conformity which refuses to get involved to any extent with each others' problems, or in any matters which might prove to be controversial. Fellowship is just nice.

And yet we're supposed to be "with him." Though removed by temporal and geographical distances, we are no less part of his company of followers. As he wrought miraculous manifestations of fellowship then, so also through us can he bring about the same wondrous testimonies to God's beneficence and man's ability to actively reflect God's love. But only through fellowship of concern, trust and responsibility.

Christian Vocation Resources

Six brief pieces are now available from the Southern Convention, Box 336, Elon College, North Carolina, for use in discussions and counselling on Christian Vocations, both church-related and general.

HOW TO KNOW THE WILL OF GOD is a fifteen page booklet dealing with the question "What would God have me do with my life?" Single copies are free; in quantity, 5c each.

EVERY MAN'S LIFE A PLAN OF GOD is a 14 page booklet by Horace Bushnell (from a sermon given by him) concerned with God's life-plan for individuals. Single copies free; in quantity, 5c each.

THE CHRISTIAN IN HIS DAILY WORK is a 14 page booklet presenting an address given by Rev. Fred R. Stair of Hickory, N. C. at a Christian Vocation Conference at Union Theological Seminary of Richmond. Single copies free; 5c each in quantity.

A NEW LOOK AT VOCATION is a six-page folder pointing out the need for people committed to the belief that the answer to our troubled world is to be found in God by doctors, businessmen and church workers. Single copies free.

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E. Virginia Ministers' Workshop

Bill Simmons

Mr. Salem Kirban, formerly of Kirban Company and now Vice-President of Crown Publishing Company of Chicago, Illinois, held a Workshop on Church Promotion for the Eastern Virginia Ministerium at their regular meeting, February 22, 1965, at the Suffolk Church.

Mr. Kirban is a graduate of Temple University and began his own Advertising Agency in 1949. He has created advertising programs for well known companies, having been instrumental in helping build an insurance company into a million dollar organization. He is the creator of MIMO PIX OF THE MONTH CLUB, CHURCH BULLETIN CREATIVE KIT OF THE MONTH CLUB, FINGERTIP FACTS, CHURCH CALENDAR OF THE MONTH CLUB and five other church promotion services. He is also the author of CHURCH PROMOTION HANDBOOK. He now services over 20,000 churches in church promotion programs worldwide including England, South Africa, Australia and South America.

Mr. Kirban told the pastors that advertising can be a power house in a church. He stated that the world has harnessed this power to sell everything from automobiles to zinnias, but the church stumbles on unaware of this diamond in its own back yard.

In the workshop, Mr. Kirban introduced three KEY words that have rocketed GLEEM to the top of the toothpaste market and has made General Motors the leader in the car industry. He showed how these three words can double a church budget, increase its membership and revolutionize its entire program.

The session included a presentation of: (1) Fundamentals of Church Promotion; (2) Letter writing Clinic; (3) Church Bulletin Clinic; and (4) Question and Answer Session. The pastors found the program especially rewarding.

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

ATTENTION — URGENT!

1965 is a year of transition for the Southern Convention. 1965 will test our stewardship faithfulness to the ongoing work of the Southern Convention and Our Christian World Mission. **This is a crucial year as we move into the Southern Conference.**

The Southern Convention during 1965 is made up of four Conferences—Acting Associations. The Virginia Valley Conference (Acting Association) became a part of the Central Atlantic Conference as of January 16, 1965. Therefore, stewardship support for the work of the Southern Convention will not be forthcoming from the Virginia Valley Conference (Acting Association).

Our stewardship support problem becomes apparent immediately. In this year of transition, **the Southern Convention is seeking to carry on an increased program of service** in the face of a reduction in numerical and financial support. This calls for added faithfulness and stewardship support from the churches of the remaining four Conferences (Acting Associations) now a part of the Southern Convention, as we prepare for the legal consolidation toward the formation of the Southern Conference.

The Convention personnel and the Executive Board of the Convention will give close attention to ways and means of efficient and economical operation of our Southern Convention during 1965. **Every possible effort will be made in the best possible use of every apportionment dollar** channeled through the Southern Convention office. We make this pledge to the local churches of the Southern Convention, with the request that they respond as faithfully as humanly possible during this time of crisis and need. **The performance of local churches now a part of the Southern Convention during the year 1965 will determine the success or failure of this important year in our history.**

The support needs of our own **Elon College, Elon Home for Children, The Mission Board, the Convention Fund, the Conference Fund,** and all sections of the apportionment support for **Our Christian World Mission** remain constant and pressing during this year of numerical and financial support reduction for the life and work of the Southern Convention. We are confident that churches of our Southern Convention fellowship will respond generously as the need now becomes apparent.

Your Convention Superintendent has been asked to serve as Chairman of the Collegiate Staff for the Southern Conference during 1965. This poses for him extra duties and responsibilities. Rev. Bill Simmons, Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Rev. L. M. Presnell, and the Convention Office staff have gladly assumed additional work in order to free the Convention Superintendent for his increased responsibility. Convention and Conference officers and committees have been called on for additional meetings and have responded with excellent cooperation. **All of us feel that the Southern Conference demands our best thinking and preparation in order that the work of three former judicatories might be more fruitful and productive as we seek to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the states of North Carolina and Virginia.** The Southern Conference, when organizationally and spiritually equipped as an instrument of the Holy Spirit can be and will be a powerful instrument for the work of Christ and His Church in the years to come.

We lay these matters on the hearts of Treasurers, Pastors, Church Officers, and members of every congregation of the Southern Convention. We are confident that the people from every local church in the Southern Convention would respond to the challenge to the limit of their ability to do so. May God give us faithfulness as we seek to be effective witnesses to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the area of our local churches throughout North Carolina and Virginia as the Southern Convention, and through the United Church of Christ to every corner of the earth!

Clyde L. Fields

And Then, There's Art!

The Christian Education MEMO of the division of Publication of the United Church of Christ carried almost in its entirety an article, "And Then, There's Art!", written by Editor, Richard N. Rinker, and published in THE CHRISTIAN SUN in a recent issue. Perhaps the readers of THE CHRISTIAN SUN would remember the article.

We are glad to learn that THE CHRISTIAN SUN is read by leaders of the United Church of Christ. We are also delighted to know that the fine work of our Editor, Richard N. Rinker, is being noted in numerous ways by our wider fellowship.

Clyde L. Fields

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES? . . .

The Council is an expression of its member churches' belief that, in spite of diversity of form and doctrine, they are one in their faith in Jesus Christ. It does for the churches such cooperative work as they authorize it to carry on in their behalf...

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The Church And Area Development

By Thomas W. Madren

The Town and Country Department of the United Church of Christ shared as one of 10 denominations from 22 states in a recent seminar sponsored by the Commission on Church and Economic Life of the National Council of Churches. The theme of this meeting was aimed to provide the participants with an over-all view of **how the Federal Government, and its various branches, is attempting to meet human need, as related to agriculture, farmers and rural communities.**

It appropriately met in Washington, D. C., and from Seminar Headquarters at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, after prayer and worship, we set out both to seek and share conclusions as to the whole role of the Church in the area of economic life as well as to visit such points as the Agriculture Department and the House Committee Hearing on Agriculture. Here religious leaders, the farm people themselves, and federal government leaders exchanged many ideas on the work of church and government in human need. Farm income, poverty, migratory labor, economic development, price support and world trade to name a few.

The concern of the Church in this vast arena of life was set forth by **Dr. Henry McCanna** of the National Council, Director of the Commission on Church and Economic Life, in the opening address. Excerpts from his speech reveal several interesting thoughts. "The preaching of St. Paul and the early Fathers centered on the interdependence of people in an area and the responsibility to care for all forms of need."

Personal and social needs may be primary, but economic needs are not to be ignored. The Church has not always been consistent at this point. The National Council Committee on Church and Pockets of Poverty in the U. S. A. contends that the Church in history and even today has been identified with privilege and often resorts to perverting the faith to justify inequality, injustice and poverty.

Past distinctions between rural and urban, town and country are unrealistic in our age, and we are fast approaching the reality of total interdependence as the order of the day for the whole nation. The city looks for family group and recreational life and the rural residents are anxious for community, transportation, communications, with numerous social and cultural services. There is a real interchange in the role of the Church.

The main point is for the Church to be an instrument of concern and a leader of the development of the given area in which it ministers and a concern for the people in their everyday deeds.

Multiple jobs for economic health are necessary for 3 3/4 million. Automation and mechanization are decreasing farm units. Community, both rural and urban, changes in the face of technology. Small towns become havens for the aged and retired or refugee camps for the unemployed. Mobility brings a loss in the sense for belonging and moral control. In the face of oversupply and abundance in one corner, we face desperation and poverty in another.

The Soil Bank program takes land out of production, and it is estimated that 1/5 of the nation suffers from lack in opportunity, employment and lives in poverty. **In the midst of poverty there is loss of integrity and life is without values. Thus the role of the Church and especially the rural church.** There is a demand for competent and dedicated people of God (Laos—clergy and laity) to use imagination and skill for the meeting of human need. Better administration and unity of community efforts can produce for the church the same benefits that school consolidation has for teachers and education.

An understanding of the programs and a cooperation with governmental agencies in programs such as Rural Areas Development and the current Economic Opportunities Act will become a role of the Church. **Understanding and voice of moral decision are definitely to be classed as a ministry of the Church.** Never before has the opportunity for so many groups to be joined together in a single social effort been visible.

The church is indispensable in that it is situated where the people are, but it may fail by not seeing the fields white unto harvest. Its ministry must be renewed and revised to meet need where need lies. Community organization, leisure time activity, adult education groups, and many other opportunities to serve are before us. We need not complain if someone else is carrying her projects if she fails to do the job.

The great issues of our time are Space, Peace, Poverty and Race. The church, national and local, must speak to these issues, or nothing it says will be heard. In the field of economics, the fact that poverty is no longer necessary makes it morally and ethically intolerable. The Church today should be wide awake to its calling, alert to its mission, sensitive to human need, and possess a true spirit of community and ecumenical mission. This is done primarily in its own self image of attitude, purpose and sense of calling. The mind of community and not isolation, serving and not separation, is the mind of Christ in meeting human need.

John D. Schofield Called To Palm St.

The Reverend John D. Schofield, former pastor at the United Congregational Christian Church of Portsmouth, begins service as pastor and teacher of the Palm Street United Church of Christ in mid-March.

Mr. Schofield, a native of Illinois, served in Indiana and Alabama before coming to the Portsmouth church in May of 1963. Mr. and Mrs. Schofield have a daughter, Frances.

Joy — The Primary Motive For Mission

Excerpt from an address given by Dr. William C. Nelson, President of the Board for World Ministries, United Church of Christ, at the United Church Assembly, 1965

The most powerful motive for mission is to see Christ in every man and rejoice that it is so, and to work to liberate this Christ, so that the face of the Indian or the African or the Indonesian or any other man reflects the glory that was in Christ. This is what will set men free from superstition and fear—to know that he is made in the image of God and his destiny is to be with God, in Christ, now.

A British commentator, remarking about the irrelevance of using ancient Christian symbols to describe Christianity on TV said: "When the television screen can show a body of Christ's people **caring,** a group of Christ's servants **standing** for justice and discipline, a band of Christ's disciples **dedicating** themselves utterly to the quest for truth, then the world will again see the eternal symbol which was once manifested definitively in space and time and seeks constantly to be remanifested in and through the Church which is the Body."

This is what the World Mission is all about. There may be more to Christianity than this, but I venture to suggest **not much more!**

Grant, O Lord, that if we are too preoccupied with the ugliness and cruelty of life, we may recover the virtue of joy. Help us to know that having the joy that was in Christ does not mean that we are blind to the ills of man, but confident of the cure for those ills. Lift us out of our lethargy, our indifference, our despair, and let the glory that shone from the face of Jesus shine from ours. Reveal to us by Thy Grace ways by which we can once again quicken the people of our churches to the joy of giving, and of witnessing to all men everywhere the saving power of Thy eternal love. Amen.

EDUCATIONAL MISSION

Needs In Turkey

"...the shortage of schools and teachers is still acute."

Most of you know by this time that we have come to Turkey as three-year appointees of the United Church Board for World Ministries with teaching responsibilities in one of our girls' high schools. We are finding it an immensely exciting experience.

To be set down in the middle of this ancient civilization gives one a completely fresh sense of history. Here in Asia Minor are the roots of the early Christian churches. It is one thing to read the Biblical account of their founding, but quite another to visit Ephesus, view the huge statue of the goddess Artemis, and then walk into the very theater where Paul's companions were dragged by the angry mob. Izmir itself, formerly called Smyrna, was founded in 3000 B. C. One day we went across town to see the ruins of a castle built by Alexander the Great, and on the way back passed the place where Polycarp was burned to death in one of the early Roman persecutions. At every turn history stares us in the face.

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

The Lenten Emphases

Two Resources

In the Southern Convention, the Mission Board has selected two emphases, **THE SPECIAL MILK FUND** and **THE UNITED CLOTHING APPEAL,** as our 1965 Lenten projects. The letter printed on page 3 from Batlagunda, South India, describes graphically the significance of the fact that the government surplus milk is no longer available to the relief agencies. Church World Service stocks of milk will be gone by April. In order to continue this program through which more than a million children have been served, the Christian people of our nation will have to reach new levels of compassion. $3.00 will serve milk daily to a child for one year in this program. Our goal in the southeastern section of America is to include 10,000 children. So far only 1,601 have been provided for.

There are two resources available for use during this emphasis period to help churches become better informed about the needs we are seeking to meet. One, **MY SISTER HILWA,** is a 96 frame, color filmstrip accompanied by a 33⅓ record. Showing time is 20 minutes. This filmstrip has as its central theme the love of Khalil Sanad for his sister and her activities in a school for the deaf in the Near East. Dignity and self respect which come from honest labor are as necessary to refugees such as those in the film as food, clothing, medicine, good water and shelter. Many of these needs are supplied by the church's programs such as United Clothing Appeal and the Special Milk Fund. Church World Service seeks to meet some of the needs of more than a million Arab refugees almost forgotten in the Holy Land.

The second audio-visual is **PROFILES OF PROMISE,** is a 16 mm sound motion picture telling about Church World Service activities in Chile, Ghana and India. It shares insights into family living in these places and depicts needs and the beginnings of solutions. Both of these films will add to youth, men's or women's programs. They could be used effectively in evening study groups with time for discussion following. Both may be obtained from the Audio-visual Office, Southern Convention, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244, at no cost except return postage.

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But our work is in a different time and culture. Of all the countries in the Middle East, Turkey has moved the adapting to the twentieth century. It has made important gains in education, but the shortage of schools and teachers is still acute. Less than 5% of the young people of high school age are in school, and with girls the percentage is much lower. In such a situation, our mission schools play a significant role in training leaders for this developing country.

We find that our school here in Izmir holds a respected position in the community. Its leadership is excellent. Day after day we see the walls of Beacon Hall rising higher and higher; this building is going up, for the most part, on money given in the CHEF drive among our churches. In our personal contacts with the Turkish people, we have found them friendly and hospitable.

From: **The Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Musser**
Izmir, Turkey

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

DR. R. M. HEUNEMAN

Founders' Day

Another annual milestone will be marked in Elon College's long record of service in the cause of Christian higher education when Dr. Reuben Hueneman offers the featured address at the annual Elon Founders Day observance, which is to be held on the Elon campus on Thursday, March 11.

This 1965 Founders Day program falls on the exact Seventy-sixth anniversary of the granting of the charter of Elon College by the North Carolina General Assembly, for the legislators of the Old North State voted to charter the Congregational Christian College on March 11, 1889, initiating steps which opened the College's doors to classes about a year later.

The principal convocation of this 1965 Founders Day observance is set for Whitley Auditorium at 11 o'clock on the morning of Thursday, March 11, and the College authorities count themselves fortunate to have such an eminent educational and religious figure as Dr. Hueneman to deliver the key address. There will be a luncheon for the speaker and invited guests.

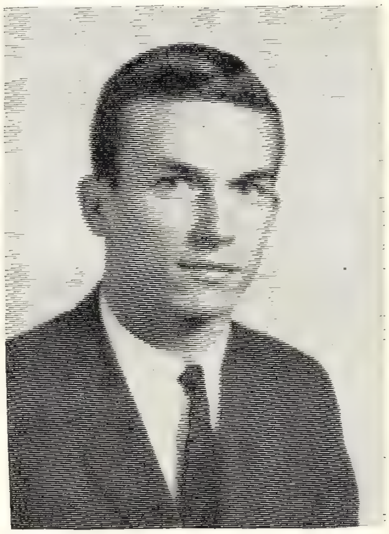
Dr. Hueneman, who is the president of the United Theological Seminary in Minnesota, has served pastorates in Wisconsin, California and Missouri prior to becoming president of the new theological seminary in Minnesota's twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, a post which he assumed in 1960 and where he has already taken the lead in the erection of a library, administration building, classroom and chapel facilities, along with twelve faculty homes and twenty student apartments.

The new seminary was formed by the union of the Mission House Seminary in Plymouth, Wis., and the Yankton School of Theology in Yankton, S. D. It is operated under the auspices of the United Church of Christ, the group formed by union of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The guest speaker for Elon Founders Day is now a member of the Theological Commission of the United Church of Christ and has previously served as moderator of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and was president of the California Synod of that denomination.

He had his undergraduate training at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and his divinity work at the Mission House Seminary, followed by graduate training at Pacific School of Religion in California. He holds honorary degrees from Franklin and Marshall College and Heidelberg College.

STUDENT AWARDED THEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP



David A. Andes, Elon student, has been awarded a scholarship at Andover-Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Massachusetts. David is the son of Dr. and Mrs. William J. Andes, and will graduate from Elon College in the Class of 1965. He has made a high scholastic record at Elon, being a member of the Order of the Oak. He is a Past-President of the Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship, has taken an active part in Dramatics and other activities at Elon College. We congratulate David upon receiving this recognition by Andover-Newton. We anticipate for him a most succesful life as a Christian minister.

APPORTIONMENT RECEIPTS FOR COLLEGE

Elon College gratefully acknowledges contributions from the churches for 1964. These contributions make it possible to continue the Christian witness through our College. These gifts are investments in Christian character.

Receipts—October 1, 1964-December 31, 1964:

Western North Carolina Conference

Albemarle	$ 68.53
Antioch (C)	33.00
Antioch (R)	62.00
Big Oak	2.00
Ether	30.00
Flint Hill (R)	38.00
Grace's Chapel	2.00
High Point, First	59.00
Needham's Grove	24.00
Pleasant Cross	17.00
Pleasant Hill	98.00
Pleasant Ridge	33.00
Pleasant Union	17.00
Ramseur	17.00
Randleman	40.00
Sanford—Northview	17.00
Seagrove	33.00
Smithwood	27.50
Sophia	25.00
	$ 643.03

Eastern North Carolina Conference

Amelia	$ 45.00
Antioch	35.00
Bethlehem	24.00
Beulah	65.00
Chapel Hill	91.00
Fayetteville	39.00
Good Hope	22.00
Henderson	262.00
Hope Mills	8.00
Lee's Chapel	30.00
Liberty (Vance)	308.00
Martha's Chapel	22.00
Mt. Auburn	5.00
Mt. Gilead	37.00
New Hope	10.00
Niagara	7.00
Oak Level	17.00
Plymouth	25.00
Raleigh	321.00
Sanford	78.00
Shallow Well	300.00
Southern Pines	151.00
Wake Chapel	108.98
	$2,010.98

COLLEGE APPORTIONMENT (Continued)

Eastern Virginia Conference

Antioch	$ 24.00
Berea (Nans.)	76.00
Bethlehem (Disp.)	12.00
Bethlehem (Nans.)	282.32
Burton's Grove	18.00
Centerville	7.00
Cypress Chapel	190.00
Dendron	25.85
Franklin	243.00
Franklin-Hunterdale	119.00
Great Bridge	64.00
Holland	75.00
Holy Neck	183.75
Liberty Spring	80.50
Mt. Carmel	32.80
Mt. Zion	20.00
Newport News	140.15
Norfolk	
Bay View	237.00
Christian Temple	239.53
First	54.00
Little Creek	4.00
Oak Grove	19.00
Oakland	98.00
Portsmouth	
First	75.00
Shelton Memorial	65.00
Prince George	12.00
Richmond—First	76.00
Spring Hill	24.77
Suffolk	466.00
Sunbury—Damascus	61.00
Warwick	114.00
Waverly	234.00
Windsor	27.21
Pembroke Manor	3.00
	$3,402.88

North Carolina and Virginia Conference

Apple's Chapel	$ 103.00
Asheville	51.00
Berea	23.00
Bethel	106.00
Bethlehem	59.00
Burlington	
Beverly Hills	117.00
Edgewood	38.00
First	371.58
Lakeview	6.00
Carolina	43.00
Concord	52.00
Durham	178.00
Elon College	439.00
Graham, Prov. Mem.	15.00
Greensboro	
First	412.15
Palm St.	89.00
Haw River	92.00
Hines Chapel	56.00
Hopedale	58.00
Kallam Grove	29.00
Long's Chapel	53.00
Mt. Bethel	31.00
Mt. Zion	110.00
New Lebanon	100.25
Pfafftown	30.00
Reidsville	260.00
Salem Chapel	17.00
Shallow Ford	25.00
South Boston	62.00
Tryon	147.00
Union (Va.)	302.00
Winston-Salem	76.00
Zion	4.00

Virginia Valley Conference

Antioch	$ 32.25
Bethel	85.00
Bethlehem	114.00
Beulah	8.00
Dry Run	10.00
Leaksville	55.00
Mt. Lebanon	29.00
Mt. Olivet (G)	26.00
Mt. Olivet (R)	83.00
New Hope	11.00
Newport	40.00
Palmyra	58.00
Timber Ridge	49.25
Winchester	74.00
Valley Central	7.00
	$ 681.50
	$3,554.98

Totals to date

1/1/64 thru 4/ 2/64	$ 3,775.61
4/3/64 thru 7/ 2/64	6,971.44
7/3/64 thru 9/30/64	6,064.68
10/1/64 thru 12/31/64	10,293.37
TOTAL FOR 1964	$27,105.10

Some folks don't look up until they're flat on their backs.

The one thing worse than a quitter is the man afraid to begin.

You can't change the past, but you can ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future.

Guest Leaders For Women's Retreats

Mrs. David D. Baker

Mrs. David D. Baker of New York City is the recently-retired editor of **The Church Woman,** which she edited while serving as associate general director of the General Department of United Church Women in the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

She is now serving with the **Office of Communication** of the United Church of Christ with particular responsibility for writing in the field of missions work. She is the only woman **on a committee of nine** appointed by the president of the United Church of Christ, the Rev. Dr. Ben M. Herbster, to meet in Washington, D. C., on April 9-10 for exploratory conversations toward union with leaders of the Presbyterian, Protestant Episcopal, and Methodist churches.

Before joining the National Council staff in 1952, Mrs. Baker did editorial work in the Evangelical and Reformed Church for several years and has **written curriculum studies and mission study books.** She **taught in mission schools** in Japan and Iraq. In 1955 she was a member of the United Church Women's Fellowship Team which made a **goodwill tour around the world** and a member of the **study tour to Russia** in 1959.

Mrs. Baker is a native of Piqua, Ohio, and a graduate of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio. She studied at McCormack Theological Seminary in Chicago and at the University of Edinburg in Scotland. Heidelberg College, Lakeland College, and Cedar Crest College have each awarded her with honorary doctor's degrees.

Mrs. William E. Wisseman

Mrs. William E. Wisseman is the wife of the pastor of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Greensboro, N. C. She is now serving as **president of the Women's Fellowship of her home church.** Her father, the Reverend C. H. Rowland, was minister of the Greensboro church before Dr. Wisseman.

Mrs. Wisseman has served on several national instrumentalities. Before the union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church with the Congregational Christian Churches, she was a director for the **Board of Home Missions,** a director of the **Service Committee** and **Chairman of the National Friendly Service** for the Women's Fellowship in the Congregational Christian Churches. At the present time, she is a co-opted member of the **Council for Lay Life and Work** of the United Church of Christ, working with the Women's Committee of that instrumentality.

A graduate of Elon College, with a Master's degree from Boston University, Mrs. Wisseman has been very **active in the Southern Convention.** She is a past president of the women's group and has served on various boards and agencies of the Convention.

So. Norfolk Women — Mrs. L. Bill Simmons, Guest

The Women's Fellowship Family Night dinner and foreign missions program was held Thursday, February 25, at the South Norfolk C. C. Church. The theme was "The Church's Mission in the New Nations." Appropriate decorations were used such as flags of many nations, posters, maps and attractive floral arrangements for the tables. A recording of the song and music of "It's a Small World" in four languages was used during the dinner hour.

Greetings from Japan in the form of a letter to the Women's Fellowship from Elizabeth Lester was read.

From the mission study book "Look Up Free" which was used this year in the Junior High department of the Sunday School, a brief description and history of the six new nations referred to in this book was given and the countries pointed out on the map by **Junior High boys and girls:** Laos by Roger Earley; Cambodia by Janice Massie; Guinea by Nancy Linton; Ghana by Lynn Morris; Nigeria by Jon Irby and Southern Rhodesia by Ricky Scharff.

Mrs. Bill Simmons, President of the Women's Fellowship of the Eastern Virginia Conference, reviewed the foreign mission study book **"The Nation and the Kingdom."** As an introduction she referred to the folders distributed **"How Many New Nations Can You Name,"** and a chart with which she explained the background and beginnings of many of the new nations with their customs and problems under the jurisdiction of colonialism and nationalism. In many ways they have been aided by missionaries who have sown the seed of Christianity through the years. In the days of struggle for independence and freedom there arise many questions concerning the teaching of Christianity from the various directions of many denominations. The answer may be one united national Christian Church without being nationalized. Here lies the responsibility of our churches and laity. Four fields where the church can serve the new nations are the needs for national unity, education, democracy and economic development, stated Mrs. Simmons. She cited the percentage of educational advancement and the increased numbers of native Christian ministers in many of these countries.

The dinner was prepared by an appointed committee headed by Mrs. Tillie Hogan and Mrs. Lois Tegerides. There were about one hundred in attendance. Reverend Bill Simmons offered the invocation and the benediction.

Elizabeth Lester's Letter

TO THE SO. NORFOLK WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

February 1

Dear Friends,

Now, belatedly, I want to thank you for the very kind gift you made to me at Christmas time. My mother used the money to buy me a very nice sweater (navy blue; pullover) which I've worn many times and enjoyed very much. (Its difficult for me to buy clothes that fit here, so she sends the things I need; my arms are too long for Japanese ladies sweaters!) I did—and do—appreciate your thinking of me. I only wish that I could do something here to make me worthy of your concern and kindness.

The girl I live with and I enjoyed a quiet Christmas "at home"—that is, in our little Japanese style house on the Kobe College campus. There were many activities connected with Christmas in the week before school closed for the winter holidays. After that we made cookies, trimmed a tiny tree, and entertained students and other friends. On Christmas day we asked four friends, Japanese University students, to share our Christmas dinner with us. Only one of the four was a Christian (she had been baptized only a few days before), but all had come in contact with Christianity and were trying to learn more about it. We all joined in Christmas hymns and in reading the Christmas story from the Bible after dinner.

Although the Christmas season meant a lot to us this year, for most of the people in Japan the New Year's season was much more important than Christmas! Christmas is celebrated here but, even more than in the United States, it is often only a time for Santa Claus, gifts and parties. Some people do not even realize that there is any relation between Christmas and Jesus Christ, or between Christmas and Christians. In Japan, January 1, 2, and 3 are the most meaningful days of the year, not December 25. On these days everyone stops working, people visit their friends and relatives, and many people go to Shinto shrines to worship. I feel very fortunate to have been able to spend one of the New Year's holidays at a friend's home, where aunts and uncles and cousins joined in a pleasant family celebration.

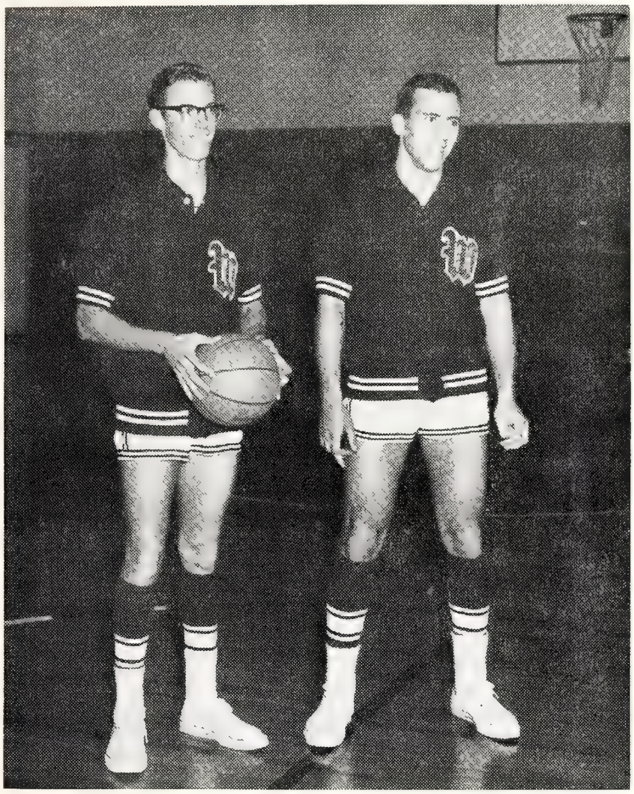
Now school has begun again! This is the third and final term of the school year. In Japan the school year begins in April. The third term is a very busy time for some of my students, for they are preparing for the college entrance examinations. The pressure to pass thse exams and get into a good college is often a great burden to Japanese high school students, I'm afraid. Fortunately, most of our girls will go on into the "college department" of Kobe College after graduating from our high school department, so they don't have to worry about these tests!

This term I'm teaching some in the first year Junior High—beginning English. In general we follow the good pattern left us by Miss Angie Crew, who rendered such good service to Kobe College for many years, before her retirement last spring. We teach in English from the very beginning, giving as many opportunities as we can for the girls to hear and speak English. The girls are so cute and eager to learn! It makes teaching really fun!

As well as my regular teaching at Kobe College, I'm continuing to be an advisor of the school English club, to perform duties as chapel leader occasionally. (All the teachers take turns leading our morning daily worship.), and to teach two hours a week at a church in Osaka, a large city near here. Also I'm teaching English a couple hours a week to some friends and I'm continuing to study Japanese. And a group of us who are short-term missionaries in this area have joined a weekly discussion group to help in our own growth and thinking about Christianity. Its a busy schedule? Maybe, but I'm enjoying it more and more! Its wonderful to be in another country, to become acquainted with its customs and people, and to see the work of Christ's church in another part of the world. I only hope that I can help, a little bit, in the work of that church while I am here in Japan!

Sincerely yours,
Elizabeth Lester

Extra Curricular Work



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Dear Friends:

We have pictured on our page today two boys who are members of the Western Alamance High School Varsity Basketball team this year. They are Bobby Byrd, who lives at the Home, and Wesley Snyder, our son. Both of these boys participate not only in basketball, but were members this past fall of the football team and this spring will be on the track team. Bobby specializes in the 220 race while Wesley specializes in high jumping.

We are very happy to have our boys and girls participate in extra-curricular activities whenever they have the opportunity. While these are the only two we have participating in sports at Western High, we have one girl, Peggy Medlin, and four boys, Dennis West, Lee West, John Pruette and Robert Cowan who participate on Elon Elementary basketball team.

We encourage our boys and girls to participate not only in sport activities but other extra-curricular activities such as in the area of agriculture and home economics. We realize that class work is vital and most important and in order to do these extra things, these boys and girls must have good grades. We believe that by participating in these extra curricular activities the boys and girls have other opportunities to develop their talents. This we believe is a part of growing up.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 22, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	**$ 76.67**
Western North Carolina Conference	**5.00**
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	**127.00**
Total	**$208.67**
Special Offerings	
Mr. Stuart Olson, Salem, Massachusetts	**10.00**
Ladies Bible Class, First Congregational Church Henderson, N. C.	**25.00**
Friendly Service Group, United Church of Christ Sherman, Connecticut	**10.00**
Women's Group, Federated Church, Brooklyn, Conn.	**5.00**
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. H. E. Terrell, Elon College, N. C.	
In Memory of Mr. E. S. W. Dameron, Sr.	
Total Memorial Gifts	**35.00**
Special Offerings	**15.14**
Total	**$100.14**
Total for The Week	**$398.81**

Christian Educators Face Today's Issues

Repeated calls for **an end to amateurism and incompetence in church educational programs** and for more significant **social relevance** emerged as dominant trends during the annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, of the National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Education. More than 2,000 Christian educaters and specialists in related fields gathered there February 12-18 for a week-long study and discussion of issues from the "knowledge explosion" to poverty and civil rights.

The current revolution in higher education, said the Rev. Dr. Hubert C. Noble, director of the NCC Department of Higher Education, places new responsibilities on the churches to become educational and intellectual centers. Dr. Raymond Robertson, superintendent of the Institute for Juvenile Research in Chicago, told the educators taking part in the Family Life section that **the churches have a definite role in helping to stop individual and family breakdown.** He termed "shocking" the fact that some three million children in this country are in need of psychiatric care but that only some 50,000 receive treatment at any one time. "Can you imagine an epidemic of polio involving several million children and only one-half of one percent of them under medical care?" he asked the group.

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Presently there are some twenty-five churches which regularly send in news to **The Christian Sun** so that it can be shared with our readership. If your church has a newsletter it mails out, or even a Sunday bulletin each week, why not include Box 336, Elon College, N. C. on your mailing list? Others would like to know what's happening of significance in your fellowship. P. F. news ought to go to Noel Allen, our Youth Editor; his address is Elon College, N. C.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

Henderson District Rally

Registration for the Henderson District Rally began at 2:30 on Sunday, February 28, at the First Congregational Christian Church of Henderson, North Carolina. Three of the fourteen churches in the Henderson district was represented.

After registration the group met in the sanctuary for a fine devotional presented by the Henderson Fellowship and a short business meeting presided over by Jimmy Newman, president of the District.

Next the group divided into discussion groups on the topics: Faith, Fellowship, and Action. Liz Fairbank, Convention president along with District vice-president Janice Grissom was responsible for the discussion of Faith. Noel Allen, Convention vice-president, and Mickey McDade, District Second vice-president, were in charge of discussion on Fellowship. Linda Howard, Convention secretary, and Jimmy Newman led the group in talk on Action. The group re-assembled to hear reports from the Discussion groups.

Afterward everyone enjoyed a very fine dinner consisting of spaghetti, salad, and cake. The Keynote address was then presented by Reverend Richard N. Rinker who spoke on **Teenagers and Their Responsibilities.** He discussed among other points how the modern generation has divided life into a pie consisting of work, play, religion, etc. instead of letting religion affect all of their life. He urged today's teenagers not to do what the adults of today have already done in that respect.

Elon College P. F.

Youth Week at the Elon College Church proved to be very interesting. The Pilgrim Fellowship of Elon College was responsible for the **Sunday Worship Service** during Youth Week. The sermon was composed of three parts. The past, which was given by retired Reverend Veazey, told of the youth of earlier years; next came a talk on the present; finally was a word on the future for youth. Also included in the service was an all youth choir and a youth composed sextet which sang several hymns.

Recently our group was visited by a youth group from **Rock Springs Church in Arlington, Virginia.** The group of sixteen young people and adults had just come from Duke University, and planned to tour the Elon College and Home facilities the next morning.

Noel Allen, chairman in charge of the arrangements for their stay, presided over the fellowship meeting that night. The devotions were given by Gerry Oxford. Next came the program which was a **short play** on the theme of faith aranged by Gerry Oxford. Playing parts in the play were Linda Howard, Ronnie Skipper, David McLelland, and Gerry Oxford.

After the play the fellowship had refreshments and the visiting group presented a short skit on the humorous side. It concerned a frog and a stream and proved to be very entertaining.

After the benediction given by Reverend W. J. Andes the visitors were assigned homes supplied by members of the community. They were transported to their lodging by members of the Elon fellowship.

Mr. Biggerstaff, Mrs. Hughes, and a number of others assisted in the preparations for their coming.

Greensboro P. F.

Plans for Youth Week at Congregational United Church of Christ had to be changed slightly because of the weather, and the youth breakfast was held on February 7 instead of January 31. Mr. H. H. Jordan spoke on the Youth Week theme.

That same morning, **Senior High** young people conducted the Morning Worship Service, with Becky Simpson, Diane Mensel, Linda Grimes, Martha Fenn, Ralph Barrow, and Nancy Duncan taking part. Ann Johnson, Sharron Rogers, Steve Cordle, and Dave Grimes each spoke on "Songs For A Small Planet," sharing some of their thoughts on the various aspects of the theme.

Songs For A Small Planet will be a continuing study, with Mr. Jordan leading a further discussion on March 7 and other Sundays from time to time throughout the spring.

In the **Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship,** new officers were recently elected: President, Judy Duckworth; Vice-President, Kathryn Jones; Secretary-Treasurer, Jane Jackson; and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Norma Hilliard. These young people will be installed on February 28.

The Junior Highs held a doughnut sale on February 6, and as a result are contributing $25 to Moonelon, to be used for cabin heaters. Both the Middle and Senior High groups are planning projects in the near future, with the same purpose in mind.

Parents of our junior and senior high young people are about to begin a series of meetings designed to promote better understanding between adults and teen-agers. We plan to have group discussions, qualified speakers with experience in working with young people, and panels in which the teen-agers will be participating.

The Missons Committee is sponsoring a **Family Night** on February 21, at which time Dr. Hiram Hilty will speak. The following Sunday, Mr. John Barney will be with us to discuss the "war on poverty" in Greensboro. He is president of the Greensboro Community Council, and well qualified to discuss the local program. He was originally scheduled for a Sunday in January when the weatherman proved uncooperative, and we are looking forward to his visit this month.

Rosemont Youth Week

The Senior High Youth Fellowship of Rosemont Christian Church observed **National Youth Week** by performing all the functions of the Worship Services and Sunday School.

Despite the snow, the youth began the regular 8:45 and 11:00 o'clock worship services on schedule. The Call to Worship, Responsive Reading, and Morning Prayer were given by Debbie Atchley, Geraldine Alexander, and Linda Hodges respectively. After the words of welcome by Jimmy Hodges and the Scripture by Shelia Lindsey, the sermon was presented by Jimmy Ennis, Youth Week Pastor. His sermon, **"What It Means to Worship,"** was illustrated by six youth. The first way of Worship explained by the Youth pastor was meditation. **Meditation** is an important part of every Christian, but is left out often. **Bible reading** was the second way illustrated and is an inspiration for every Christian. Often we read our Bibles, but seldom for those who taught us during our early years. That we, as young people, admit that we do not always have the answers, even though we act as we do and that we need the help of the Bible and the Church. That we, as young people, pledge our support to help our church to be everything that God wants it to be.

Seven youth also helped with Youth Sunday by teaching **Sunday school** classes and eight boys served as ushers. The total youth participating in National Youth Week was twenty-two.

"Christian Goats"

What has God to do with goats?

A good deal . . . at least in Ghana, where part of the work of **Our Christian World Mission** focuses on building better lives through better agriculture, including the breeding of better livestock.

Eighteen months ago, the work with goats began in Yendi, on a farm where Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnson, having surrounded themselves with eighteen imported goats of a breed that produces far more milk than the stunted native breed, soon discovered that a strongly suspicious population of native farmers had agreed to stay away from the Johnsons — and the goats — in droves. None of them wanted such strange looking goats on **their** land.

It wasn't easy for the Johnsons to break down the walls of fear and suspicion. And the job isn't done yet, though progress **has** been made.

At first, the Ghanaian farmers wouldn't believe the goats would produce more milk than their own. In fact, it was not until the first six kids were born that the African farmers agreed that these goats might, after all, prove to be superior. Today, the farmers of Yendi, in Ghana, are discovering that the new goats have a vigor and a resistance to disease that is valuable to any farmer, and now all the farmers want what they call one of those "wonderful Christian Goats."

All of which is just fine with the representatives of **Our Christian World Mission** in Ghana, since it means that they have succeeded in helping toward a brighter future the people they came to help.

Operation Icebreaker

Since the last report, gifts toward the 1964-65 Pilgrim Fellowship project, OPERATION ICEBREAKER, have been received from Edgewood United Church of Christ PF, Burlington ($20.62) and Mt. Zion United Church of Christ Women's Fellowship, Mebane (10.00).

The goal of $1,500 has now been 10% reached by nine participating church groups. If your PF, or other group, has not yet shared in this project to provide heaters for the Moonelon Center Cabins, get to work now and send your share to OPERATION ICEBREAKER, Box 336, Elon College, N. C.

It Is Not His,
Her Or Their
Christian World Mission . . .
It Is **OUR**
Christian World Mission

ON THE EDGE

In preparation for the arrival of their new pastor at **Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ, Gibsonville,** Mr. E. H. Thompson preached the February 28 sermon entitled "When Our Pastor Comes."

Rev. Richard N. Rinker, North Carolina Field Secretary for the Southern Convention, will be guest speaker at a Christian Education supper to be held at the **Durham Congregational Church (UCC)** on March 24. April 7 he will be sharing in a Wednesday evening Lenten service at **Franklin Congregational Christian Church.** On the five Tuesday evenings of March Mr. Rinker will lead Bible study sessions at **Sedalia, North Carolina,** for members of the community churches in the area. On February 28 he was the guest speaker at the Henderson District Pilgrim Fellowship rally held at the **First Congregational Christian Church in Henderson.** And on February 24 he was guest speaker at the **Elon Home for Children,** using slides of the 1964 Youth Travel Seminar.

Mrs. Richard Jackson will be leading Bible study sessions at the **Durham Congregational Christian Church** on the first four Sunday evenings of March using the excellent resource "Salty Christians" by Hans Reudi-Weber.

Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Southern Convention Superintendent, conducted a service of ordination for Mr. Richard Lashley, newly elected deacon at **Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Altamahaw,** on February 28.

Dr. Walstein W. Snyder continues to serve as supply pastor for **Mt. Zion United Church of Christ in Mebane.** Loyalty Sunday was observed by the church on the 28th of February.

None Dare Call It Treason ANSWERED

John Stormer's **None Dare Call It Treason** alleges widespread Communistic influence in our American schools, churches, universities, newspapers, TV, radio, as well as in our government agencies and among our top officials. There are now more than seven million copies of the book in print and in many parts of the country it has reportedly been outselling the Bible.

This book has been given a definitive answer in an analysis by the National Committee for Civic Responsibility which is reprinted from the **Congressional Record.** The untrustworthiness of Stormer's documentation is revealed and this paper should be read by anyone who might be inclined to take the book seriously or by any who must answer those who do. Copies are available from The Washington Office, National Council of Churches, 110 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C. 20002.

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He who would accomplish little must sacrifice little; he who would achieve much must sacrifice much; he who would attain highly must sacrifice greatly.—James Allen

One should never put on one's best trousers to go out to battle for freedom and truth.—Henrik Ibsen

NOTES FROM THE DESK

The Last Shall Be First

Caught between two strong needs, the church is torn within its mission as it seeks to fulfill both. It represents a stabilizing force. Built on the eternal truths of man's relationships to God and God's self-revelation in the Christ, the church is a bulwark preserving values precious to mankind. It tries to remain unswerving in its ideals and untainted by the stains of the world.

The church also is called to get its hands dirty. The responsibility to take the gospel into the world cannot be dodged. Nothing can replace the call of God to relate Christ and the saving grace of Almighty God to the Christless and the unsaved, and they are in the world. They must be approached where they are. The church cannot entice them into its bosom; it must go out to them.

How to meet both needs. How to remain aloof and yet involved. How to remain unstained and yet work in the chaos, unpleasantness, and dirt of our culture.

One direction may be found in the suggestion that ideals, per se, cannot be stained. Truth is not changed. It is man's understanding of truth which changes. God is not changed because we believe this or that about Him. He remains God, the I Am of the Old Testament. The Divine Father of the New Testament. As we comprehend the unchangeableness of truth, do we need to fear the world and its distortions? Is it not enough to trust and believe in the sturdiness of truth and seek to carry it with us into our world? Do we need to fear that it will become twisted and bent, dirtied and made unclean? Those who carry the truth may become twisted and bent, dirty and unpleasant . . . but the truth is stronger because the carriers are willing to become these things so that others can know it.

It is one of the strengths of truth that, when once really grasped, it can encourage and give power to witness to its strength and majesty. And truth is the love of God, the availability of His Son as Saviour, forgiveness, and the call to witness. These are all bound up in that truth which is called faith: unprovable, and yet of a certainty based on trust because of what has been done for us.

The church is often accused of being the last to meet the worldly needs of the people because its head is raised far above these needs in a search for spiritual values. These spiritual values are to be found working within the world, not above it. Christ came to the world. He got dirty. He sweated. He suffered. The church, too, as the extension of his body, is called to get dirty and sweat. This is meeting both needs. To remain as a staunch proclaimer of truth and to carry the truth to the world.

The church cannot endure as an isolated monument to faith. It must be a living witness to that for which faith stands. It must bring Christ to the world. It cannot wait until the world comes to Christ.

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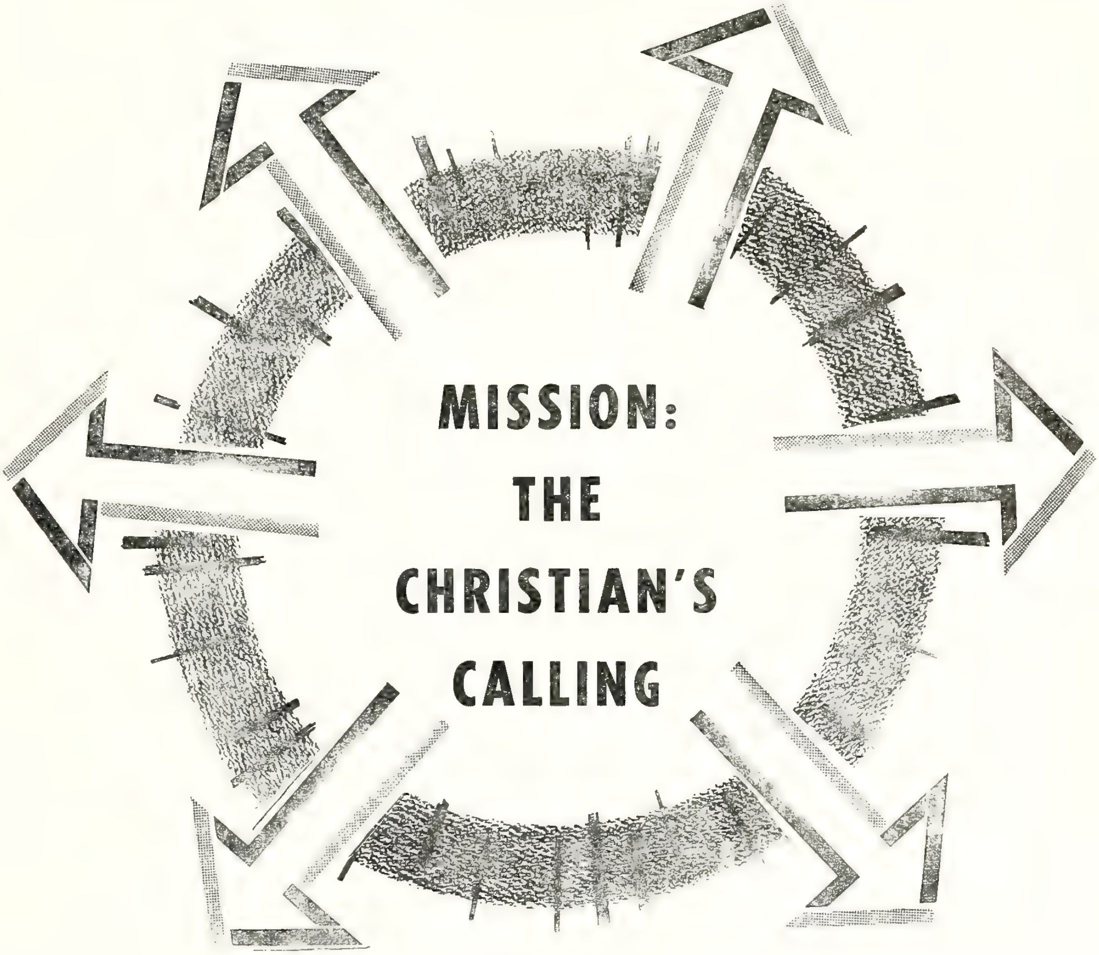
MISSION:
THE
CHRISTIAN'S
CALLING

The 1965-'66 Mission Emphasis

NEW ADULT STUDY MATERIALS

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WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father, which is in heaven.

/KJ

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord" shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

/RSV

It is not everyone who keeps saying to me "Lord, Lord" who will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but the man who actually does my Heavenly Father's Will.

/Phillips

The will of God gets blamed for a lot. Particularly in the face of tragedy. People seem quite ready to release themselves of responsibility by asserting that the will of God has been responsible.

It seems quite clear, from Jesus' remarks about talkers and doers, that God's will is not a predetermined, inescapable, choiceless dictate. There are those, judging from Jesus' statement, who do **not** do the will of God. And this puts the responsibility for ourselves, others and the world in which we live right back on us. Why, after all, send a Saviour if sinfulness has been predetermined by God's will?

Perhaps Jesus is indirectly helping us to understand that faithfulness is a chosen quality. Chosen not by word alone, but by action in accordance with our best understanding of God's will. This neither brings about nor eliminates tragedy in our lives. It **does** provide us with the assurance that God supports us as we accept the responsibility of trying to do His will. Because of His support, two things are assured: that the growth of what is good shall continue for us; that when the apparently ultimate tragedy comes, it is a new beginning.

We are responsible creatures when we react to God in responsible ways. This implies knowing God and about God in our lives. It implies developing a regular relationship to Him and to the institution through which He is most effectively served and in the community of which worship and growth takes place best. God cannot be blamed when our ignorance of His love brings despair and anxiety needlessly into our lives.

The Road To Holiness

by Victor C. Hayes

"In our era," said Dag Hammarskjold, "the road to holiness necessarily passes through the world of action."

This is truth worthy of consideration as we approach Lent. For 1600 years Christians have felt the importance of earnest preparation for the annual celebration of the Festival of the Resurrection which we know as Easter. This preparatory period, one of penitence and self-examination, is known as Lent, for at this time of the year the days begin to lengthen, and **lencten** (the Old English word for Spring) brings new life to God's world.

Probably none of us wishes to keep Lent—as untold members of other Christians in other parts of the world have kept it—by forty days of fast in memory of the forty days fast of Christ in the desert. But we can make it a period for increased reflection and contemplation. We can begin again to strengthen personal and family devotions by using the "Daily Devotional Guide" or "The Upper Room." We can take a book from the church library and assume the discipline of study and personal reflection.

But all life's opportunities are ambiguous. In taking this opportunity to drive deeper the stakes which secure our inner lives, there is always the risk of becoming preoccupied with ourselves. An unhealthy holiness unrelated to life's living issues would be a sad outcome for any Lenten Season.

Therefore, these words from Dag Hammarskjold's **Markings** are good, for they keep the balance. Listen:

"Forgiveness is the answer to a child's dream of a miracle by which what is broken is made whole again, what is soiled is again made clean. The dream explains why we need to be forgiven and why we must forgive. In the presence of God, nothing stands between him and us—we **are** forgiven. But we **cannot** feel his presence if anything is allowed to stand between ourselves and others.

"In our era, the road to holiness necessarily passes through the world of action."

New UCC Conferences Formed

The first months of 1965 saw the addition of two conferences to the United Church of Christ roster. The new **Central Atlantic Conference** includes two former "acting conferences": Middle Atlantic (former CC) Conference and Potomac Synod (former E & R), together with New Jersey churches formerly in the E & R New York Synod and churches of the former Virginia Valley conference of the Southern Convention (CC). The Rev. Francis X. Pirazzini has been elected Conference Minister. The new conference is expected to be in full operation by mid-summer.

With the adoption of a new constitution and by-laws on January 26, the South Illinois Synod (E & R) became the **Illinois South Conference**.

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Niemoeller On "The Gap"

Christianity provides the "last hope for a peaceful rapprochment" between the white and non-white worlds, the Rev. Dr. Martin Niemoeller told delegates of the General Board of the National Council of Churches. In the first address of the week-long sessions in Portland, Oregon, the prominent German theologian stated that Western church representatives are "still regarded as respectable and even distinguished" in contrast to the "abundance of bad feeling" aroused by the white man and his present policies in the non-white world. He stressed that Red China is using every means to widen the gap.

No one has yet shown the way to bridge the gap between the white and non-white worlds, he continued. "We cannot even see that any genuine effort is being made to get rid of this fateful and threatening condition." The speaker pointed out the eagerness of the African churches for membership in the World Council of Churches as an indication that it may become "a decisive agency for peace".

A German submarine commander in World War I, Dr. Niemoeller was imprisoned during the Hitler regime as a resistance leader. He is one of the six presidents of the World Council.

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES? . . .

It is an agency through which Protestant and Orthodox Churches of the United States express their common faith in Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Savior, and cooperate to focus the light of that faith on all phases of American life.

CCSA Washington Seminar

The Washington Seminar will be held under the auspices of the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ, at Washington, D. C., May 4-7, 1965. Lay people and ministers of the Southern Convention are invited to attend. Registration blanks may be secured from the Southern Convention Office. Some scholarship aid will be available to those who apply early.

The Washington Seminar will provide for a visit to the Supreme Court, a day in Congress attending the Senate and House in session, sitting in on Congressional Committee hearings, and visiting with Congressmen and Senators.

In the evening, there will be debates on current issues before Congress, such as the Immigration proposal and the U. S. Foreign Policy in Viet Nam.

PASTORS' SCHOOL AT LA FORET, COLORADO

The Annual Pastors' School will be held at La Foret, Colorado Springs, Colorado, **July 12-August 1, 1965.** Leaders will include Russell J. Becker, Nels Ferre, Mrs. Estred Schwantes, Charles W. Schwantes, Robbins Strong, and Allen G. Wehrli.

Application forms may be secured from the Southern Convention Office. Attendance at La Foret is limited to fifty (50) ministers. There are limited accommodations for ministers' wives. Limited scholarship aid and travel expenses are provided. Ministers interested in attendance at La Foret should send in for an application form at the earliest possible date.

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

Lent — A Time To Assess Values

The Lenten season calls us to remember the passion of our Lord Jesus as He turned his steps toward Jerusalem and Calvary. **Lent is becoming increasingly more meaningful for Protestants.** However, for too many the mardi gras revelry is much to be preferred over the Lenten period of self-denial.

Lent is a time for personal and national assessing of the values we hold most worthwhile. What is the criteria by which we measure greatness? What constitutes success? What are our goals as a person? As a nation? How many of the first ten of the goals are material? In what order are the moral and spiritual values listed in our goals for life?

Lent calls us to examine our faith or lack of it. Lent calls us to reassess our cynicism and pseudo sophistication. During lent, we can, to quote Bishop Robinson's controversial book, "be honest with God."

Lent offers us the chance as individuals and as a nation to look at abiding values from a divine perspective. Man's general confession is much to be desired over divine judgment. Too often, **individuals and nations mistake material and scientific progress for moral and spiritual achievements.** How much more to be desired is the learning of this truth at God's Calvary, rather than at man's armageddon!

There is a brief story in Genesis 11, describing the sophisticated post-flood era as a time when the inhabitants thought of God as a kind of mountain deity to be held in reverence only by the simple nomadic ancestors. They could find little place for this kind of God in their new industrial and scientific wonderland. They spoke of building a tower of Babel taller than the mountain, and thereby eliminating the need for Jehovah God. In their arrogance, they met God's judgment.

A highly developed and sophisticated Israel of the 10th century B. C. had achieved material success. Business and commerce flourished. King Ahab and his well-known wife, Jezebel, were hailed far and wide due to their arrogant power and disdain for the God of Abraham and Isaac. Jezebel introduced a new pantheon of gods called Baal. There was a god or goddess for every season and in the latest pastel colors to match any ensemble. The God of the Ten Commandments seemed so impotent and irrelevant to a smug, sophisticated capital court society. To the people, Father Ahab was close, and Father God seemed way beyond Jordan.

When a long drought came, the creeks dried, Jezebel's gods died, and Father Ahab could give no water. One of the thrilling stories of the Old Testament is found in I Kings 18, when a little dried up prophet of Jehovah called his countrymen to an experience of the mighty power of God around Mount Carmel. At the request of Elijah, God came on the scene and the Israelites felt a cool water from the skies and the warm flow of the wells of faith from within.

Such can be our experience during this season of Lent as we renew our covenant with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Clyde L. Fields

1965-'66 Program Opportunities For Adults

For the third year, the **Council for Lay Life and Work** of the United Church of Christ has compiled a set of resources for use **in men's and women's groups.** Following the theme **MISSION: The Christian's Calling,** the 1965-66 materials include the following pieces.

Section I Introducing the Theme

Introductory Sheet
Study Action Manual (96-page guide), Adkins
Why, Mr. Missionary, How You've Changed!
***The Laity In Today's World,** Smith
*Reprint of **President Herbster's Statement**

Section II Equipping Ourselves For Mission

How to Use Introductory Sheet
God Calls Us to Mission (12 worship programs)
Ventures in Lay Life & Work No. 3
The Lord's Day Service with guide
***Did Anybody Bring A Bible?,** Weltge

Section III Facing the Challenge of Today's World

How To Use Introductory Sheet
***Resources for Adults** (study materials list)
Resources for Adults, 1965 Supplement
To Understand Our Democracy, Maddocks
At Your Service—In International Relations
Play Reading and Film Discussion
***If I Could Make the World Over,** Archibold

Section IV The Realms of Mission

How To Use Introductory Sheet
Strategy for Community Change (Social Action mag.)
Churchmen Overseas
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Order blanks for securing this set may be obtained from the Southern Convention Office, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244. The complete new edition (with all items noted above) sells for $4.25 including binder. A refill kit to fit last year's binder (without items with asterisk above which were used last year) is $2.75.

Resources used last year and in the 1963-64 **Program Opportunities** may still be ordered and used effectively by groups which have not already used them. The following materials are listed on the order blank for 1964-65:

Salty Christians, Hans-Reudi Weber (guide for Bible study)
Ventures in Lay Life & Work No. 2
This Is Our Ministry (12 worship programs)
Inclusiveness in the Churches
Manual for Adults, Dobler (for leaders of adult groups)
Study Guide for Re-thinking and Evaluating Adult Education in a Church
Yours for the Reading (book list for adult reading)
So You Want To Do Something Different!
Ultimate Questions in Penultimate Form

From the 1963-64 **Program Opportunities,** these resources are still available:

Mission . . . by Royal Authority, de Dietrich (Bible study)
Depth and Encounter Study of the Bible, Snyder
The Rightest Crisis in Our Churches, Cassels
Impact of Automation (Social Action mag.)
Ventures in Lay Life and Work No. 1

Prices for the individual pieces noted above are included on the order blanks. Materials are sent from the Central Distribution Service, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19102.

The Difference Between Full & Curtailed Witness

"The payments guaranteed to the national instrumentalities for 1964 totaling $11,300,000 **were achieved only by borrowing $650,000,** because there was a sizeable decrease in Our Christian World Mission funds available for the instrumentalities," the Rev. Dr. Ben M. Herbster, president of the United Church of Christ, has announced.

"Actually in 1964 this amount was $550,000 less than was available in 1963," according to Dr. Herbster. "The churches gave $142,953 more in 1964 to OCWM for the instrumentalities and the Conferences than in 1963. The Conferences, however, in order to support their programs retained $693,537 more than in 1963. There is, of course, some reason for this—stemming partly from the fact that the Conferences picked up some of the work formerly carried on by the national instrumentalities, particularly in the fields of church extension, campus ministry, and leadership education. As a result we are in the 'red' to the extent of $650,000 for the payments guaranteed to the instrumentalities in 1964."

Footnote from letter from Louis and Beth Wilkins Serving for us in Turkey.

"Since our United Church Board for World Ministries has had to reduce its budgeted expenditures by $900,000, the Near East Mission has naturally had to assume its share of the reduction also. But because of a rapidly spiraling national inflation, most of our school's expenditures cannot be reduced; consequently, we are now in the midst of a frantic search for more local support."

A Good Curriculum

by John R. Lackey

The following four words indicate the approach of a good church school curriculum:

1. **Relevancy.**

A good curriculum will relate the message of the Bible to the issues, decisions, questions that are alive in the lives of the pupils. The Bible is not the **living** Word of God until it speaks to the situations in which we find ourselves. A good curriculum will help us make the message of the Bible **relevant!**

2. **Existential.**

A good curriculum goes on the assumption that **theory** is not enough. We don't really understand Christian Truth until we meet it in our existence. It is when our actual attitudes, actions, points of decision stand under the judgment of the Biblical message that we "see." The task of Christian Education is not complete until the message of the Bible has passed from theoretical discussion into our style of life. The Christian Faith is concerned, not about right doctrine, but about right living.

3. **Relationships.**

Right living means right relationships—with God, with ourselves, with others, with life. Again, a good curriculum will help get the message of the Bible not just into our minds but into our relationships. Not only so, but the very nature of the message of the Bible is such that we understand it more through the "language of relationships" than through the "language of words." The good class room situation will therefore make possible the "language of relationships." (This is the meaning of the Incarnation, in which God does not just talk to us about love but shows us love in relationships.)

4. **Dialogue.**

A good curriculum knows that the student should be an active participant in the learning process. The class room becomes the learning **community,** as the Holy Spirit speaks through each to the others. Each person informs and learns, receives and shares, speaks and listens.

Thus a good teacher does not monologue at or lecture at the students, but rather guides, helps create the dialogical environment in keeping with the age-level of the pupils. The pupils are not sausage skins into which the teacher stuffs facts, information, data about the Bible. The teacher's role is not to give her answers to the students' questions, but to help the students to move in the direction of finding answers to their own questions. We learn as we grapple, discuss, come to grips with ideas—not as we passively listen to someone talk at us.

Conclusions:

1. What's important is not the **words** of the Bible, but the **message** of the Bible. Thus, what's important is not just stories from the Bible but stories from modern life which make clear the message of the Bible in situations which are familiar to us. That's the way Jesus Himself taught.

2. What's important is not just information **about** the Bible, but getting the message of the Bible into our style of life. Thus, what's important is that we not just talk to our pupils about the Bible but that we create all kinds of experiences which help the pupil to put into practice what he has been "talked about."

If this is true, then the clay table or sliding board may be as important to the learning process as the story rug. The attitudes of the teacher may be more important than her words in showing the love of God to boys and girls!

3. What's important is not just the Bible in the world of 2,000 years ago, but the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.

OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION

The Lenten Season

The celebration of Easter is one of the most important festivals of the Christian year. It offers to the Christian, each year, **a new opportunity** to live our way into a closer, deeper fellowship with our Lord. This tremendous experience is not casually "dropped in on," but rather approached through prayer, penitence, self-discipline and sacrifice. Thus we have our need for Lent.

Around the beginning of the third century the two days preceding Easter were observed as special days of preparation for the great festival, Easter. Eventually these two days spread to a whole wek of preparation. Finding that it would take the individual yet more time to prepare himself for this tremendous experience, a longer period of time was officially adopted. **At the Council of Nicaea, 325 A.D.,** the church fathers formally set aside the forty days preceding Easter, omitting Sundays, as the days for fasting. The Roman Church finally settled on"Ash Wednesday" as the opening of this period which commemorates the fasting of our Lord, as well as that of Moses on Mt. Sinai and Elijah on Mt. Horeb (same as Sinai). By the fifth century, Lent had become a well established universal Christian institution.

Lent comes to us today, down through the centuries, with the same urgent appeal that it had for our forefathers. **Identify with Christ Jesus in his death and resurrection!** Prepare yourself for the joyful proclamation of Easter.

During Lent the Christian Church brings into sharp focus the gripping story of a Nazarene, a cross, and salvation. **These six sacred weeks preceding Easter should bring our own souls into sharp focus—to be searched and examined.** Here we come face to face with the basic truth undergirding the Christian faith—the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. St. Leo in one of his great sermons says that, "Lent is nothing less than a preparation of the whole Christian people for salvation."

(by the Rev. John W. Settlemyre, in **The Standard**)

Knowing And Respecting

One simple but very essential thing which everyone of us can do to grasp the opportunity which God is offering us in racial relations is to make an effort to know persons of other racial backgrounds as they really are. In recent years some stormy progress has been made toward this end for, whatever else can be said about the racial revolution of our time, it can be said without hesitation that persons of both races have come to know the truth about one another's feelings more accurately than ever before. But we never really know the truth about others until we approach them, not as "problems" to be gotten rid of, but as persons to be respected. The Christian opportunity at this juncture of the racial revolution is to practice and encourage that respect.

/Excerpt from sermon by Rev. Wm. T. Joyner
on Race Relations Sunday

Sunday Morning With The Rushing McRushes

From **Oakland News,** Oakland Christian Church

The scene takes place in the home of the Rushing McRush family early one Sunday morning.

8:15 All is quiet.

Dad: (waking up) Oh me! What a short night! I shouldn't have watched that late movie. I guess I'd better shave and wash up before the rush starts.

8:30 Activity begins.

Dad: (to Mom) Wake up, dear. I guess she didn't hear me. (Louder) Hey! Sleeping Beauty, do I get breakfast this morning? It's 8:30 already!

Mom: Ugh! Just an hour 'til time to leave for church and the children aren't up yet. See if you can get them started, Mac, and I'll put the coffee pot on.

Dad: (In the children's room) Okay you two, roll out! We'll have to hurry if we're to make it to Sunday School. Scooter, your clothes are here on the bed. Skeeter, get yours out of the closet. Get them on now; I have to get dressed myself.

8:45 In the kitchen.

Mom: (to Dad) Aren't they dressed yet? They don't know what hurry means. You have your coffee and I'll see if I can prod them along. I fixed toast, too. And if you're teaching this morning, you'd better look over the lesson. You left your book on the refrigerator last Sunday when you got home, didn't you?

Dad: (Gulping his coffee and scanning the lesson, speaking to himself) I don't know why I bother preparing a lesson anyway. Those kids are only interested in last nights' ball game and what goes on at school. Last week they wanted to talk about how many of their friends cheat. How do they expect to learn about Ahab and Jezebel if they don't stick to the subject! I suppose today they'll want to talk about that kid that got arrested for drunken driving. I don't know what this world is coming to.

9:15 Still in the kitchen.

Dad: I thought you weren't coming back. What took so long?

Mom: Oh, that Skooter! I told him to shine his shoes last night, but as usual he forgot it. I'll never get ready in time today, and the kids don't have time for their breakfast. Why don't you take them on to Sunday School and I'll stay home and fix an early lunch. If you don't stay for the worship service they won't get too hungry and we can get an earlier start on our trip to Tombsboro to visit that antique shop.

Dad: This is the third Sunday you've missed in a row. You'll be getting a call from the preacher if you don't get back soon.

Mom: Just tell him I'm not feeling well. And I almost forgot . . . I took the money you had for the pledge to have my hair done yesterday.

Dad: I don't have any more change. I guess I'll just have to wait until next Sunday and give them a check. It's more convenient that way and four dollars will pay us up for the whole month. By the way, that $30.00 payment is due on the boat tomorrow. Remind me to stop by on the way home from work and take care of it. We sure don't want to lose the boat with summer coming on. Tell the kids to get down here. They should at least get a glass of juice before they go.

Skeeter: (entering the kitchen) I don't see why all the buzzing around. My teacher never gets there on time anyway. Last Sunday she didn't show up at all and it was 10:15 before they ever found anyone to take her place.

Mom: Don't be sassy, Skeet! You know they had guests last Saturday night who didn't leave 'til 1:00 a. m. She told me herself that when she got up she had such a splitting headache she just couldn't bear facing a class of wild children. Get your coats on now . . . it's time to go.

9:35 Dad and the boys are leaving.

Mom: Don't drive too fast, now. You'll be five minutes late, but that's better than killing yourselves in an accident on the road. Bye now; I'll get dressed while you're gone. We can be ready to leave for the afternoon then by 12:30. Don't forget your teacher's guide. I don't see why you don't just leave it at the church. You never get to study it anyway.

11:15 Mr. McRush and the boys are home.

Dad: (looking at the paper while Mom gets ready for lunch, mumbling to himself) War in Asia, increasing juvenile delinquency, a woman beaten and robbed on the street and nobody comes to her aid, school board official charged with embezzlement! I don't think this country will survive much longer if it doesn't get back to God . . . I wonder what happened to the Sports Section?

The Volcano Named Gunung Agung

To the primitive peoples of the island of Bali, the eruption of a volcano was a warning from the gods . . . a punishment of evil. But for the three thousand Christians in Bali, the eruption of the volcano on their island provided them with the opportunity to witness to their Christian faith among the three million peoples of other religions, mainly Hindus, in whose midst they live.

The volcano named Gungung Agung erupted on Bali in 1963, and shortly thereafter the Church in Bali began a truly heroic task by setting up a rehabilitation program for the more than one hundred thousand Indonesians left homeless in the holocaust.

The problems faced are enormous: disease, lack of housing, and 240,000 cases of malnutrition.

Today, the Church in Bali is distributing food to nine thousand of the neediest; in the near future, the program will be increased to thirteen thousand. In addition, barracks are being built for additional housing for refugees, and a clothing and blanket distribution project is under way. Agricultural implements are also being purchased for the disaster victims.

More than a year has passed since disaster struck the island of Bali, and the end of suffering is not yet in sight. But funds contributed through **Our Christian World Mission** are helping to make it possible for the Church in Bali to alleviate human need in the midst of stark tragedy.

Lay Life And Work — Adult Education Meeting

Avon Park, Florida

From dinnertime Friday, March 5, until lunchtime, March 7, about sixty individuals gathered at **Lake Byrd Lodge, Avon Park, Florida,** to study and discuss Lay Life and Work and Adult Education. This consultation was jointly sponsored by the United Church **Board for Homeland Ministries** (Division of Christian Education), and the **Council for Lay Life and Work.** It sought to draw together representatives from the Southeast Region, including Texas, Alabama, North and South Carolina, Florida, and Virginia.

Under the leadership of **Rev. Percel Alston** (Leadership Ministries Staff), **Rev. Richard Snyder** (Adult Ministries), **Dr. Wallace Ault** (Council for Lay Life and Work), and **Mrs. F. C. Lester** (Council for Lay Life and Work), various resources and techniques for their use were presented. Depth study of concepts prevalent in adult education, consideration of needs, plans for area and local adult education programming . . . all were shared.

The motion picture **Patterns of the Mind** was shown and served as the basis for study. This new resource is available from the national Office of Audio-visuals, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19102. It covers several contemporary problems (automation, biology, astro-physics) through interviews with outstanding leaders in these fields, seeking to relate the church's responsibility to the rapid advancements being made.

Copies of **1965-66 Program Opportunities for Adults** and the four **Friendship Press Adult Study** books **(Mission as Decision; The Word with Power; Babylon by Choice; Realms of Our Calling)** were available for examination and purchase.

Southern Convention participants included Mrs. Thomas Madren, Mrs. Kenneth Register, Mrs. Robert Bew, Mrs. Harold Tribble, Rev. & Mrs. John Lackey, Mr. Robert Baxter, Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Mrs. Philip Lambeth, and Mrs. Dwight Moore.

J. Murray MacInnes At Temple

On March 8, **Family Night** was held at **The Christian Temple** in Norfolk. This has been a monthly gathering for that fellowship. Following dinner, a special program is presented emphasizing some particular concern of the church. In March the program centered on the **World Ministry of the United Church of Christ.**

The guest speaker for this occasion was the **Reverend J. Murray MacInnes,** who is at present on furlough from **Africa** and engaged in advanced studies at American University in Washington, D. C.

Mr. MacInnes is a Canadian who, following two years in a rural pastorate, United Church of Canada, spent eight years in rural development work in **Angola, Portuguese West Africa.** From 1962 until their departure from Angola in July of 1964, Mr. and Mrs. MacInnes were "parents" for high school students in the modern city of Nova Lisboa. In this work they were serving with future leaders in the highest form of education available to Angolans.

Other churches in the Tidewater district were invited to share in this excellent opportunity to learn more about our mission.

LAY LIFE & WORK

The Dark Valley

Drama For Elon Women

The Women's Fellowship of the Elon College Community Church held their general meeting on March 8. Following devotionals in the sanctuary led by Mrs. J. Earl Danieley, a dramatic presentation entitled **The Dark Valley,** by Louisa R. Shotwell, was presented by the Elon College Ministerial Group. This is a group of students at the college committed to and considering church-related service. This drama is one in the Friendship Press series for 1964-65 under the theme, **Understanding Our Changing Culture.**

Participating in the drama were Jewelle Bass, David Andes, Jeannie Brown, Gail Campbell, Oscar Fowler, Becky Harwood, John Massey and Jerry Moore.

Following the presentation, the general meeting adjourned to the Parish House for the individual circle meetings and business. With Mrs. Richard N. Rinker, president, presiding, several items of business were conducted, including the decision to dress dolls for Christmas Cheer Boxes; the presentation of a gift to David Andes in thankfulness to God for his being called to the Christian Ministry; Southern Convention Women's Fellowship delegates were appointed to attend the April 27-28 meeting at Norfolk: Mrs. W. J. Andes, Mrs. Clyde Fields and Mrs. W. T. Scott.

Grow During Lent? How Can Your Soul

Here are seven practical suggestions:

1. Be present, as far as possible, at every service of your Church. The benefit will be mostly to yourself, but also to others.

2. Let honest self-examination be a daily duty. It is not a question so much of where you stand, as whether you are growing, and whither you are going.

3. Make your observance of Lent POSITIVE, not merely negative. Make some positive resolves for practical good, and carry them through.

4. Read the Scriptures daily, and think about what you read. The Bible is NOT just a book of the past. It is very relevant to the present.

5. Pray each day in such a way that thoughts of prayer and thoughts of God become a habit with you.

6. Keep a strict watch over the door of your lips. If you cannot speak well of others, say nothing. Your own soul will profit most from this.

7. Deny yourself some accustomed luxury or indulgence during the Lenten season, and add the cost of it to your Easter Offering. The cost saved through this kind of spiritual exercise should be GIVEN, not saved.

/From Suffolk Christian Church **Parish Letter**

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Importance Of Caseworkers

March 2, 1965

Dear Friends:

No longer is it true that a child comes into group care and remains there until she or he graduates from high school. In years passed, this was what normally happened. A child was received into institutional care at a young age.

While last month is not necessarily typical of all months, it is indicative of the trend that is developing in child care. We discharged from our care three girls. One of these had been with us six years, another four years and the third less than one year. We received into our care one boy and three girls. Three of this four would be in the category of teenagers. Today children do not stay in care as long as they did in years gone by. Not only do they stay shorter periods, but more and more are referrals of teenagers.

In the last several months the referrals have continued to increase; with one exception all referrals were for teenagers. This is indicative of another trend that is taking place in child caring institutons. Most of the referrals that we now receive are teenagers rather than younger children. There are several reasons for these trends developing. One is the fact that fewer orphans are coming into care. Parents are living longer. Also, in many cases, social security and veteran's benefits make relatives take care of children more readily.

Another basic reason for these trends is the fact that the divorce rate continues to go up; hence, there are a greater number of broken homes than has been true in the past. As long as the laws of our society are as lax as they are in regard to parental responsibility, we will continue to have difficulty with broken home situations. The victims in these situations are always the children. They are the ones who have to suffer.

The fact that children are getting older in care and their stay is shorter does not make our work any easier. In fact, it makes it more difficult and at times frustrating. This seems, however, to be the role that the group caring institution now needs to be concerned about. We are anxious to help those children who need our help. We are certainly glad for every child to return to his or her home when the situation will allow because referrals continue to be many more than we can accept. In fact, much of the work done by our social service personnel is in the direction of placing the child back in his or her home when the Home becomes so established that the child can be received.

While the area of admission to our Home is of much importance in that we want to receive only those who need our service, we are also as much concerned by the return of these children whenever their home situation will so allow.

Thus, from this I hope that you can see that caseworkers are becoming more and more important to institutional and foster care. It seems to me that in this day and time of modern care, only those institutions who have a good case work staff can hope to do an adequate job in the area of group care.

Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

REPORT FOR MARCH 1, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	**$ 90.00**
Eastern North Carolina Conference	**1.00**
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	**77.00**
Total	**$168.00**
Special Offerings	
Women's Service League, Kensington Cong. Church, Kensington, Conn.	**$ 25.00**
Women's Fellowship, Union Cong. Church, Buffalo, Wyoming	**20.00**
Women's Fellowship, Oxford Cong. Church, Oxford, Conn.	**10.00**
Women's Fellowship, Plymouth Cong. Church, Belmont, Mass.	**20.00**
Women's Fellowship, Cong. Christian Church, Howells, N. Y.	**7.00**
Women's Fellowship, Bunker Hill Cong. Church, Waterbury, Conn.	**10.00**
Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Monger, Elkton, Virginia	**5.00**
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. Harry Roth	
In Memory of Mr. Fields W. Cobb (2 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mrs. Frank Apple	
In Memory of Mrs. Lelia Osborne	
Total Memorial Gifts	**36.00**
Special Offerings	**516.35**
Total	**$649.35**
Total for the Week	**$817.35**

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Let Us Keep Lent

By Dr. William E. Wisseman

Lent began with Ash Wednesday, March 3, and continues until Easter. There are many ways by which we can make this period of the church year meaningful. Let me suggest a few:

Regular attendance at the worship services of the church on Sunday morning and participation in the mid-week services.

Setting aside some time each day for Bible reading and prayer. Let me suggest that you read the gospel of St. Mark. The devotional booklets available can be of great help in our personal daily devotions.

Give some time to visitation — especially the aged and sick in your congregation. This is one of the best ways to strengthen our own faith.

Make a sacrificial offering each day to help support the work of the church throughout the world. The opportunities are many — doors are open everywhere, but the church is limited because so often we do not give of ourselves and our money as we should.

Lent is a time when we who are members of the church should renew our covenant. It is also a time when those who are not actively engaged in the worship, work and fellowship of the church should do some serious, prayerful thinking.

Tuition & Room Rent Increased

Board Of Trustees Meet

The annual spring meeting of the Board of Trustees of Elon College met on the campus March 3. An operating budget of $1,135,040 was adopted for the academic year 1965-66. Nine members of the Trustees re-elected for new four year terms included: Dr. W. W. Boone, Durham; W. C. Elder, Burlington; Dr. Frank R. Hamilton, Norfolk, Va.; Harold W. Johnson, Fuquay Springs; Dr. John Robert Kernodle, Burlington; Mrs. J. H. McEwen, Burlington; D. C. McLennan, Greensboro; Rex G. Powell, Fuquay Springs; and Ralph H. Scott, Burlington.

The Trustees also re-elected Thad Eure, of Raleigh, Chairman, and Clyde W. Gordon, of Burlington, Secretary of the Board. Chairmen renamed for committees include: J. Hinton Rountree, of Greensboro, for the Committee on Business; J. L. Crumpton, of Durham for the Committee on Development; and Dr. W. D. Rippy, of Burlington, for the Committee on Education. S. T. Holland, of Windsor, Va., these chairmen and Dr. J. E. Rawls, of Suffolk, Va., make up the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees include President J. Earl Danieley; Dr. L. E. Smith, President Emeritus of the College; Dr. Clyde Fields, of Elon College, Superintendent of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches; and Rev. Joe A. French, of Clayton, President of the Southern Convention.

Because of increased expenses and operation, it was necessary for the Board of Trustees to authorize increases in tuition and room rent. The members of the Board enjoyed a luncheon in McEwen Memorial Dining Hall with officers of the Elon Student Government Association, the Co-Captains of the Elon Championship Basketball teams, and the faculty committee on Student Government.

E. C. Community Orchestra

SECOND WINTER CONCERT

The Elon College-Community Orchestra, which combines some of the finest musical talent in the Burlington area and on the Elon campus, was heard with high praise when it presented its second annual mid-winter concert in Elon's Whitley Auditorium on Monday night, February 22.

The orchestra was organized in the autumn of 1963 after joint planning by Professor Fletcher Moore, Dean of the College and head of the Elon Music Department, and by Dr. Malvin Artley, at that time with the Burlington schools but now of the Greensboro schools music staff.

The group, which rehearses on the Elon campus each Monday night, appeared in two concerts last year, one in February and the other in the late spring. The concert was under the direction of Dr. Artley, with Harold Turbyfill as guest conductor for Ingalls' "Song of Peace."

The program on the 22nd included the following numbers:

Suppe-Lamater's "Poet and Peasant Overture,"; Bergman's Paul Bunyan Suite that included "The Dance of the Blue Ox,"; "Country Dance" and "Night"; "Song of Peace"; Kirk's "Vignettes"; Moussorgsky-Isaac's "Hopak"; Padilla's "El Relicario," and Brockton-Lake's "The Talisman Overture."

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A professor is someone who talks in someone else's sleep.—W. H. Auden

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Basketball Team Wins Conference Championship!

In a game played at Lexington YMCA on Saturday night, February 27, the Elon College "Fighting Christians" basketball team won a thrilling basketball game from High Point College, thus winning the Carolinas Conference crown for 1964-65. In the Fall, the Elon College football team won the Conference Championship. Jesse Branson, a Senior on the Elon College basketball team, distinguished himself again by aiding his team to win the championship, and personally he was the unanimous selection as the most valuable player in the Carolina's Conference Tournament. He was also the leading scorer in the Tournament as well as the most valuable player. In 1964, Branson was listed as All-American by NAIA. Branson has not only excelled on the basketball court but he has been a good student and an all-round person. He will be greatly missed at Elon College next year.

A great jubilation on the College Campus following the February 27th victory where approximately 300 students and townspeople were at Alumni Memorial Gymnasium at 11:40 P. M. to welcome the team on its return to the campus. Cafeteria Manager, Aubrey Horton and his workers were on hand to serve a "Victory Cake," along with punch to the followers of the team. Professor Jack White and members of the Elon Band were on hand to furnish music for the occasion.

Topping off the jubilation was a convocation held in Whitley Auditorium the following Monday morning, when Professor John Graves, Campus Minister, opened the program with the invocation. Then followed by the reading of the All-Tournament Team, including 3 Elon men—Jesse Branson and Bobby Atkins on the first five, and Charlie Van Lear on the second quint. Branson was presented with trophies for the most valuable player and the most outstanding player in the conference. Branson in turn presented to President J. Earl Danieley the conference championship trophy. Hearty congratulations to Coach Bill Miller and his Assistant, Doug Moe, and a fine group of young men who represented Elon College well on the basketball courts of North Carolina and Virginia.

Dr. F. A. Brown Visits Campus

Dr. Frank A. Brown, formerly Chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences at Northwestern University and now professor of Biology at the same institution, delivered a "Visiting Scholars" lecture Thursday evening, March 4, on the topic "BIOLOGICAL CLOCKS AND CALENDARS." On the afternoon of March 4, Dr. Brown met informally with interested students and faculty members. Dr. Brown's coming is a part of the "Visiting Scholars Program of the Piedmont University Center."

Moffett Leads Drama Workshop

Launched as a new project in the Elon dramatics program, the Elon Players Theatre Workshop held its first meeting in Mooney Chapel Theatre on Thursday, March 11. Weekly meetings are planned for the Workshop. The Workshop Meetings are open to persons in the Burlington area outside the Student Body.

1965 Sr. High P. F. P & T

New Patterns For Old Truths

The theme for the 1965 Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship Planning and Training Conference is "New Patterns for Old Truths." The main topics for discussion in this area are as follows: Faith, Witness, Outreach, Citizenship, and Fellowship.

"New Patterns for Old Truths" depicts an attempt to "modernize" our Christian religion. The rules and standards established by the Christians of long ago should not be awkward even in our times. The "handicap" in the evolution of these "truths" in relation to people is that changes in the physical environment of the world seem to hamper the **understanding** of those important truths.

The key word is **understanding.** The "New Patterns" are not to challenge the "Old Truths" but instead attempt to incorporate them into the modern world without changing them basically.

The words faith, witness, outreach, citizenship, and fellowship cover all aspects of Christian living. Obviously the faith of earlier centuries cannot be like that of today. Thus it will be the main objective of the 1965 Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship Planning and Training Conference to reach a type of understanding with faith, witness, outreach, citizenship, and fellowship.

Faith

"For the lack of light, they lost their sight." How well this fits the world of today. With the thought of the nuclear war, cancer, automobile wrecks, airplane crashes, and countless other hazards young people and adults can be scared into a "darkness" filled with fear, mistrust, and insecurity. For the lack of faith we seem to have one blind with fear.

In long years past faith saved generations from starvation, and armies from defeat. Today faith must do much more. It must soothe the tumultuous mind, as well as the stomach of an orphaned Korean child. Faith sustains Christians (who also doubt occasionally). Faith frees others from the bonds of dread. So Faith is essential for the preservation of a hope for tomorrow, just as before, but perhaps more so in these dangerous times.

Witness

While it is true that the ancients had quite as many social problems the troubles of today are much different. Yesterday there was a great division in the social classes which cause difficulties but the social problem of today endangers Christianity as a whole.

Our society has grown into almost irrationally importance seeking mass. It also seems that the "big" gain in social status is to be in the "in crowd!" The group which is termed as such has tried as an escape to fashion a common incoherence to the overwhelming misery in the world. In doing so many have lost the ability to think in true sincerity on the problems of life and further more resists anything that offers itself as a solution.

Therefore by direct assertion we see that it is becoming harder and harder to truly witness. We need to know how to witness in our situation. We must learn how to set the proper example.

Outreach

The term outreach can be translated to missions. Actually missions may seem new but the Saints who spread the word throughout the world were just such. But the present missionary has a few more challenges than did the Saint of old who coped with natives, environment, the language barrier. He must face strong political influences, the accusing eye of a deformed man who has learned to ask why?, and the overbearing challenge of an iron curtain.

Reaching out must now reach in; into the hearts of independence starved Africans; inside the home of a repressed Russian; and inside the mind and soul of a starving Red Chinese.

Citizenship

One aspect of life that has changed most is the method of government. Though countries were much smaller in the early centuries the government was less personal than it is today. Today everyone talks about elections on the city, county, state and national levels and then is able to vote in them.

Because of a widely expanded news media people are now able to know more about what is going on sooner.

In this closer, more personal, association with our country and its government our Christian responsibility has grown towards it. As Christian citizens when we are old enough to vote we must support the men who will make our country come nearer to the way of Christ as a whole. We should elect officials that have good morals and who are interested in the moral development of America's people.

As young people we should display patriotism for the only country with a truly free religion.

Fellowship

All too often fellowship is thought of as just fun. But it is much deeper than that for it defines any friendly relationship of two or more people. This relationship exists in work, as well as relaxation.

However the Christian Fellowship is the same basically as that of centuries before. The only real change is in the evil temptations which seem to have grown in number. Its responsibility is to the people involved to keep them in the correct path. But also important is that a Christian Fellowship should seek to bring others into its circle.

These five areas of Christian living must be considered in any comparison of the old and new. It is the responsibility of the Church to not only teach the "Old Truths" but also to apply them to today's environment.

Durham — Raleigh Joint P. F.

The Durham Pilgrim Fellowship held a joint meeting with the Fellowship from the United Church of Raleigh on February 21. The two groups met in the Durham Congregational Christian Church at 5:30 that day for a spaghetti dinner.

After the dinner a very interesting program was given on the topic "Faith and Science" which was presented by Dr. Henry Fairbank, physics professor from Duke University and member of the Durham Church.

Following a discussion on the topic Annie Bouteux, French ICYE student, sang several songs with the accompaniment of her guitar.

Operation Icebreaker Progress

Groups which have shared in the Operation Icebreaker project since the last item in this publication include **Oakland, Chuckatuck P. F.** (15.00), **Randleman** Senior High PF (3.00), and **Albemarle** Senior High PF (40.00). Our hope is to get this 1964-65 Pilgrim Fellowship project completed in time for fall use at Moonelon Center. Heat in the cabins—goal of $1,500. Come on and join in!

Mrs. Gladys Holland presented a program on **Spanish Americans** to the **Windsor Women's Fellowship** Circle One on March 1. This is one of the 1964-65 themes for **Our Christian World Mission**.

Recent speakers at **Palm Street United Church of Christ, Greensboro**, included Dr. W. T. Scott, Sr., Director of Church Relations at Elon College, Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent of the Southern Convention. Rev. and Mrs. John Schofield will be moving to Greensboro on or about March 15th, to assume their work as pastor and family of the Palm Street United Church of Christ.

Several members of the Fields family shared in the services of worship at the **Congregational United Church of Christ, Greensboro**, on Sunday, March 7th. Dr. W. S. Wisseman presided over the Consecration Service for Bradley Harris Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lee Fields, Jr., and grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Fields. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yarborough and the grandparents stood with the parents for the Consecration Service for the infant. Clyde Fields, Jr. was the baritone soloist for the choral anthem, "Lord God of Abraham," Mendelssohn. Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, was the preacher for the morning service. The Girl Scouts were special guests of the Greensboro Church.

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ORVA BROWN

Funeral services were held for Orva Brown at the Asheboro Congregational Christian Church on March 6th at 2:00 P.M. The pastor, Rev. William M. Everhart, was assisted by the Church choir in the memorial service. Mr. Brown was a charter member of the Church. He had served as deacon, teacher, and in other offices. He lived and walked among his fellow members and townsmen as a quiet, good man of God.

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LAUGHTER

"Laughter is just like sunshine,
It freshens all the day:
It tips the peaks of life with light,
And drives the clouds away.

The soul grows glad that hears it,
And feels its courage strong,
Laughter is just like sunshine
For cheering folks along!

Laughter is just like music . . .
It lingers in the heart,
And where its melody is heard
The ills of life depart.

And happy thoughts come crowding
Its joyful notes to greet . . .
Laughter is just like music
For making living sweet!"

—Mary H. Booth

ON THE EDGE

The Piedmont Area ministers of the United Church of Christ met at the Elon College Community Church on March 8th. **Rev. K. D. Register** presided at the meeting. **Rev. Lawrence A. Leonard** gave the devotional service. **Dr. J. Earl Danieley**, President of Elon College, spoke on, **"An Examination for a Minister." Dr. W. T. Scott, Sr.** presided at the altar in a service of Holy Communion. Ministers sat around the Communion Table for this very meaningful service of Communion.

Mrs. J. F. Morgan, of the **Rosemont Church**, was guest speaker at the annual Women's Fellowship Banquet of the **United Congregational Christian Church of Portsmouth**, held on March 8. Her topic was **Spanish Speaking Americans.**

More than one hundred people participated in the **Missions Workshop** series of four meetings held in February jointly by **First UCC and Warwick UCC of Newport News.**

The Rev. G. Melvin Palmer was the preacher for the **Installation Service** of the **Rev. G. Harold Myers** new pastor for the **Heidelberg Church, Thomasville,** and formerly pastor of the **Edgewood UCC in Burlington.** The date for this service was March 7.

The Dedication Service for the **Wesley Grove United Church of Christ in Newport News** was held on March 14. This church purchased the property of the First United Church of Christ (which is in the process of building new facilities) and is ministered to by the **Rev. Zenda Jenkins.** Guest preacher for this dedication was the pastor of the First United Church of Christ, **Rev. Carl E. Wallace**.

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION

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April 20-21

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

18 th) The United Church of Christ—Its Theology and Life

An Inquiry Into The Nature of The United Church

Lectures by Dr. Douglas Horton
Dean Emeritus, Harvard Divinity School

1. **The Doctrine of the Church**
2. **The Doctrine of the Ministry**
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Concluding Address:
The Future of the United Church
By **Gerald J. Jud**, General Secretary Division of Evangelism

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Ruben H. Huenemann, President, United Theological Seminary
Harland G. Lewis, Pastor, First Congregational Church, Farmington, Conn.
David G. Colwell, Pastor, First Congregational Church, Washington, D. C.

This Convocation begins at 10:00 a. m. on April 20 and concludes at 5:00 p. m. on April 21. **The Parable,** the film being shown in the Protestant Pavilion at the New York World's Fair, will be shown on the evening of April 20. Registration fee is $2.00 including the film. Lodging and meals are available commercially in Lancaster. Details and registration blanks are available from Dr. Robert V. Moss, Jr., Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Penna.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Commontaters, Commentators and Commenthaters

Most everyone knows what a commontater is. It's an ordinary potato. A commentator, of course, is a guy who makes comments. And a commenthater is one who dislikes comments made by commentators, and no doubt figures they have about as much sense as a commontater. In our scriptures, examples of all three can be found. Most of the people who followed Moses, or Abraham before him, or the prophets, or Jesus of Nazareth were commontaters in the sense that they were ordinary folks. Unlike an ordinary potato, they had lots of good sense, but they were typical, average people . . . commontaters.

The writers of much of our Bible were commentators. Under the influence of God, they wrote comments about Him and His relationship with His people, the commontaters and the commenthaters. For there were some of the commenthaters, too, in their time. A small portion of the leaders of the day would come into this category according to their reactions to the comments of Jesus. And there were those who heard and reacted in negative ways to what was said by prophets and Saviour.

In our contemporary society commontaters, commentators ,and commenthaters abound. Each of us fits into one or the other of these groups. Or we may belong to one sometime and another some other time. The church has its share of all three, too. More of one kind than another, or so it seems occasionally. Though it's not always easy to understand, they all have value to a community of believers such as a church.

Take the ordinary potato, the typical churchman. He is the foundation upon which the church is raised. There are outstanding trained leaders who have the ability to wax eloquent at appropriate times, but the solid basis of any church rests squarely on the average churchman. He supports it financially with part of his labor. He participates in its mission and activities. Just as society depends a lot on the ordinary potato, so the church depends on the ordinary churchman, the commontater.

Working with the commontater is the commentator. Indeed, some fortunate churches have been able to develop their commontaters into commentators. They communicate in meaningful ways. They give relevant expression to their beliefs and the church's mission. Although they speak from outside of the church at times (and are considered uninformed nin-compoops), their most effective engagement with the world occurs when they are able to stand within the life of the church and relate faith to life in significant ways.

The commenthater isn't really anywhere to speak of. That is, he bounces about. He serves a purpose in that he keeps concerned churchmen, the commontaters and commentators, on their toes. His reactionary responses to what the church is doing often stimulate the church to greater action unless those within its fellowship lack confidence in their beliefs and mission. Superficially he appears pious and righteously indignant. A bit of probing uncovers virtues far less commendable.

And so it goes . . . the commontaters, the commentators, and the commenthaters. And their is another, happily: the Common Saviour.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST + THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE +

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Miss Lila Newman 3-66

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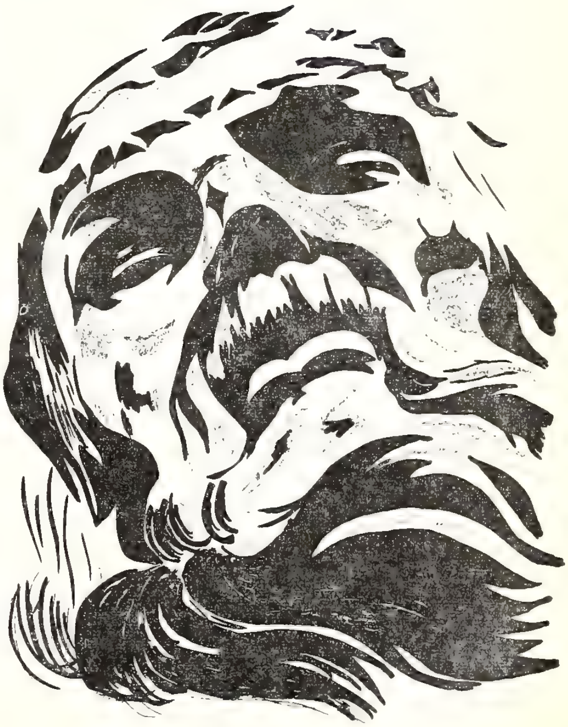
This is my commandment,
That you love one another
As I have loved you.
Greater love has no man than this,
That a man lay down his life
For his friends.
You are my friends
If you do what I command you.
No longer do I call you servants,
For the servant does not know
What his master is doing;
But I have called you friends,
For all that I have heard
From my Father,
I have made known to you.

/John 15:12-15 RSV



WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

/KJ

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

/RSV

The heavens are telling the glory of God, And the sky shows forth the work of his hands. Day unto day pours forth speech, and night unto night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes forth through all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

/Smith-Goodspeed

Standing outside in the crispness of a clear, Spring night, one is reminded of the wonder and mystery of our God. Gazing millions of light years beyond our own back yard, we try to encompass in our understanding the multitude of glittering diamonds set against the velvety blackness of deep space. So near they seem almost within our grasp. So distant that our minds stagger as we try to comprehend the vastness between us and them. Though we see, we do not even begin to understand the significance of these incomprehensibly-far bodies.

What do they tell us, these brilliantly shimmering pinholes in the canopy of the night? Certainly that it is the radiance of God behind them, symbolically reminding us of fantastic eons of time and seemingly limitless expanses of creation! Such a God! To have made such a family of universes under His Fatherhood!

It is within this immensity, within this overwhelmingly tremendous creation, that the Christ existed. Among people. In their backyards. Thus was the awesome majesty of God, as reflected in the heavens' shouting silence, incarnate in the personal nearness of a man of Nazareth, reflected in a resurrection.

One Hundred Children To Receive Milk

Bill Simmons

One hundred hungry children will receive at least one cup of milk a day for a year made possible by the gift of the **Eastern Virginia Women's Fellowship.** The offerings received at the 1965 Eastern Virginia Spring Rallies totaled $300.66 and will be channeled through the Church World Service Milk Project. A gift of $3 will provide a child overseas with a cup of milk a day for an entire year.

The Waverly District, under the leadership of Mrs. Fredrick Huber, District Superintendent, met at the Prince George Church Tuesday, March 9th, with an attendance of 55 and an offering of $44.02. Wednesday, March 10th, **the Suffolk District** met at the Liberty Spring Church with an attendance of 162 and an offering of $97.72. Mrs. Harold Tribble is the Superintendent. **The Norfolk District** met Thursday, March 11th, at the Bayview Church with 118 in attendance and an offering of $158.92. Mrs. Frazier O'Leary is the Superintendent.

Through the generosity of the women, children in Hong Kong, in Korea, in Algeria, in Greece and in more than 50 other countries will have the assurance of some food for a year.

The Gospel According To Peanuts

Around Christmas-time, 1964, a little paperback book was published which has since created quite a stir among religious groups of all kinds. This book, **The Gospel According To Peanuts**, by Robert L. Short, B.D., M.A., Ph.D., is excellent reading for anyone critical of contemporary art and its relationship to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is stimulating for those seeking fresh theological insights into the Bible. It is certainly a must for ministers.

Based on a theological interpretation of the comic strip **Peanuts,** it seeks to point out the deep implications of the comic strip and its characters. The artist, Charles Schulz, is a lay preacher in the Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) and uses the cartoon medium as a pulpit. How effectively can be seen in this commentary by Dr. Short.

Here is a fine resource for adult group study over a five or six week period, one evening a week. It is inexpensive and can be obtained from the United Church Bookstore, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Penna. 19102.

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First, Winston-Salem
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Emmanuel, Thomasville
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Bayview, Norfolk
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Waverly
Oakland, Chuckatuck

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Trinity, Concord
Mt. Zion, China Grove
St. James, Mt. Pleasant
Albemarle (CC)

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First, Henderson
Liberty Vance, Henderson
Trinity, Garner

Duke Divinity School Clinics

PREACHING **PASTORAL CARE** **RURAL CHURCH**

JULY 19-30, 1965

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Three clinics, running concurrently, will be conducted at the Divinity School. These clinics, offered on a non-credit basis **for ministers of all denominations,** are a significant expression of the Divinity School's participation in professional in-service ministerial education.

The Preaching Clinic, in its eighth year, is under the direction of **Dr. Thor Hall.** This clinic will concern itself mainly with principles of sermon construction and delivery, giving ample opportunity for participants to preach for critique.

The Pastoral Care Clinic, in its fifth year, is under the direction of **Dr. Richard A. Goodling** and **Dr. Robert E. Smith.** Through lectures, group discussions, and hospital visitation experiences, explorations are made of the meaning of selfhood, the self in crisis, and the ministry to those caught in the crisis of illness.

The Rural Clinic, in its fourth year, is under the direction of **Dr. M. Wilson Nesbitt.** This Clinic will consist of intensive training, study, and planning in the area of the church's responsibilities in the town and country community, giving particular attention to the development of an indigenous leadership.

The guest lecturer, who will give a series of four lectures during the second week of the program for all three clinics, is **Dr. Creighton Lacy,** Professor of World Christianity in The Divinity School and author of the book, **The Conscience of India,** published this winter.

For full information write to: Summer Clinics, Duke Divinity School, Box 4814, Duke Station, Durham, N. C. 27706.

CHURCH MANAGEMENT SEMINARS

Seminars in Church Management will be given at Eden and Lancaster Seminaries this summer under the guidance of Wm. E. Peterson, former secretary for the Council for Lay Life and Work.

The Lancaster date is **June 21-25, 1965.**

The Eden date is **June 27-July 2, 1965.**

For detailed information write direct to—Wm. E. Peterson, Church Advisory Service, 12 Colonial Village Court, St. Louis, Missouri 63119.

CROP Gifts Increase 7% In 1964

Setting a fourteen year record, the total contributions to CROP, which is a community appeal of **Church World Service,** reached $1,566,235—an increase of approximately 7% over 1963. Indiana led for the second year in total gifts and increased giving for the seventh consecutive year.

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Soap and education are not as sudden as a massacre, but they are more deadly.—Mark Twain

OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION

Impact In Micronesia

Even in an era when emissaries from the western world are too often eyed by new nations in a spirit that seems to be a combination of suspicion and outright resentment, there are new nations who **welcome** us.

Such a nation is the island nation of Micronesia where not long ago a missionary teacher named William Petry arrived as a representative of the United Church Board for World Ministries, through funds contributed to **Our Christian World Mission**. His assignment was to teach English and mathematics at Marshall Protestant Intermediate School.

The work in Micronesia cannot be overestimated in importance for, as William Petry has discovered, **Our Christian World Mission** has had enormous impact upon the Micronesians whose lives it has touched. He has met any number of Marshall School students who prize above all else their education in a school where they can learn about the Bible and the Christian faith.

And he has found that former graduates return time after time to the school, to attend chapel services and to refresh their spirits.

He has found, too, that past and present students delight in instructing their English-speaking teachers in their own Marshallese language — thereby helping to attain a mutual trust and international understanding in the midst of a torn and disunited world.

For Christian Educators

AIM YOUR ACTIVITIES AT TEACHING RELIGION

A New Resource

Hot off the press is a collection of articles originally appearing in the **International Journal of Religious Education** dealing with creative activities in the church school, vacation church schools, and informal fellowship groups with children.

This booklet, **Aim Your Activities At Teaching Religion**, by Ruth Armstrong Beck, seeks to provide help for teachers wanting creative activities which add to the total teaching program in significant ways. Mrs. Beck is the former Director of Children's Work for the Minnesota Council of Churches.

The **eleven articles** reprinted are: LET'S MAKE A MURAL; LET'S MAKE A DIORAMA; LET'S MAKE A PALESTINIAN HOUSE; LET'S MAKE MINIATURE FIGURES; LET'S DO SPATTER PAINTING; TRY MAKING BLUEPRINTS; HAVE YOU PRINTED LEAVES?; USING SIMPLE PUPPETS IN TEACHING; TRANSPARENCIES AND SIMULATED STAINED GLASS WINDOWS; MAKING A BOX MOVIE; LET'S TRY BLOCK PRINTING.

Copies of this booklet, 8½ x 11, 24 pages with pictures, **may be ordered for 35c from** Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches of Christ, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

For Help In Group Work...

Four booklets for leaders of adult groups are available to provide help and ideas in leading. These deal with common problems which arise, give suggestions for smoother discussions and more participation, and offer hints for better teaching and sharing.

Planning Programs for Church Groups (1957, Seabury Press, Greenwich, Conn.)

Understanding Groups At Work (1962, General Division of Parish Education, The United Presbyterian Church USA, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia 7, Penna.) 40c

How to Lead Discussions (1956, Adult Education Association of the USA, 743 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago 11, Illinois) 60c

Understanding How Groups Work (1956, Adult Education Association) 60c

These booklets may be ordered from the addresses shown.

Spring Registrations At Elon

The 1964-65 Spring Semester registration shows a total enrollment of 1,206. Of this number, 1,048 are in Day Classes and 158 are in the Evening Classes. The Day Classes include the following classifications: Freshmen 369, Sophomores 225, Juniors 223, Seniors 206, and 25 Special Students. In the Day Classes there are 642 young men and 406 young women. Of this number 605 live in the dormitories and 443 are commuters.

There are 25 religious denominations represented:

Baptists, 275, 23%; Methodist 270, 23%; United Church of Christ, 234, 20%; Presbyterian, 152, 13%; Episcopalian, 61, 5%; Roman Catholic, 47, 4%; Lutheran, 37, 3%. The other 9% comes from a balance of 18 denominations represented.

Represented in the total student enrollment are 23 states, the District of Columbia, and three foreign countries. North Carolina has 807 students or 68%, Virginia, 176, or 15%; Connecticut, 34, 3%; Maryland, 28, 2%; New Jersey, 28, 2%; Delaware, 23, 2%; New York, 18, 2%; South Carolina, 13, 1%; Florida, 12, 1%; Pennsylvania, 11, 1%; and the other 3% comes from 13 other states and the District of Columbia. Foreign countries represented include Greece, The Netherlands, and Nicaragua.

Students are enrolled from 39 North Carolina counties:

Alamance, 455 students, or 56%; Guilford, 43, 5%; Rockingham, 43, 5%; Durham, 48, 5%; Randolph, 43, 4%; Orange, 25, 3%; Forsyth, 19, 2%; and the other 20% comes from 42 other counties in the State.

We are happy that each semester there are an increasing number of our own denomination young people attending Elon. In these days when facilities available for college students are limited because of the large number seeking admission, we are anxious that qualified young people of our churches make application early so that they can be given every possible consideration. Already applications for the 1965 Fall Semester have far exceeded those received a year ago.

WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL DO? . . .

Through the BROADCASTING AND FILM COMMISSION, the Council presents Christian programs on radio and television networks and stations; maintains liaison with the movies; prepares audio visuals for the churches; provides broadcast training for clergy and laity...

The Third Raleigh Legislative Seminar

Sponsored by: The Committee on Legislative Affairs and Public Morals of the North Carolina Council of Churches

WHERE:

Chapel of First Presbyterian Church
Corner Salisbury and Morgan Streets, Raleigh, N. C.

WHEN:

Tuesday, March 30, 1965

TIME:

10:30 A. M.—3:45 P. M.

PURPOSE:

To be informed about the legislative processes and the church's function in it.

SPEAKERS:

The Hon. Robert W. Scott, Lt. Governor of N. C.;
The Hon. H. P. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House;
Dr. Wm. C. Archie of Board of Higher Education;
The Rev. Jack Mansfield of the N. C. Fund.

FEATURE:

A visit to the Convening of the Legislature at 12·00 Noon.

LUNCHEON:

No Reservations necessary. You may eat at one of many convenient restaurants or cafeterias in the downtown area.

Second Mile Directed Gift Opportunities

for

Individuals, Women's Groups, Classes, Church Schools

The Division of Service, United Church Board for World Ministries, has announced a need for sponsors for eight **Mongolian refugee children** (four boys and four girls) who have an opportunity to attend school at Mussoorie, India; eight **Tibetan refugee** boys ready to attend Middle School in Darjeeling, India; **boys and girls in Hong Kong** who, with their parents, have fled from inside China.

The cost for these special opportunities is: $120 per year for each of the Mongolian refugee children; $180 per year for each Tibetan boy; $120 per year for a child in Primary School and $180 per year for a child in Middle School in Hong Kong.

Support of any of these sponsorships may be made quarterly, semi-annually, or in one sum. Make checks payable to **United Church Board for World Ministries** and send them to Mrs. J. K. Braun, UCBWM, 1720 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, Missouri, 63103.

These Second Mile gifts cannot be applied to Our Christian World Mission quotas. Name and picture of child assigned will be sent to sponsor who may then write to him/her.

WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL DO? . . .

Through UNITED CHURCH MEN, the Council helps develop programs that concern the national consciousness of church men in local communities, supports their emphasis in Christian colleges and Christian missions in cooperation with existing programs of the National Council...

The Earth, The World, The Heavens

By Dr. John G. Truitt

> **"He made the earth by His power, He established the world by His wisdom, and He stretched out the heavens by His discretion."**
>
> **Jeremiah 10:12**

The earth? "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof!" The little garden plot that I like so much, with its good soil, and the seed, and the sun; and, yes, the sweet toil and sweet corn, and other vegetables. It is only a little part of the earth. Only think how far the earth reaches! To the west, the north, to the south and the east, it stretches itself! And how good it is in my little garden plot. Only think how many gardens there are, and how much gardening there is! The cattle feed on the blessings of the earth; and by the hand of God every living thing has its life and food.

The water, the streams, the cloud-bearing skies, the refreshing rains; the forests, the mountains, the plains, the seas: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof!

The world? "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life"! The world? The people of the world: "The world and they that dwell therein!" See what I mean! "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein!" The people, they should be God's people; for them His Son He sent to die to redeem them, to save them, to keep them from dying like the plants in my little garden but to give them eternal life. How good this world could be, if we all loved and served the Lord! It would be heaven on earth. It would be the answer to the prayer the Savior taught His disciples: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven! Let us be a part of the answer to that prayer!

The heavens? The space above, the worlds beyond. Well, man is seeking to learn of it in this age. Only by God's help will he succeed. That space is there "by His discretion"! Over it He has control. Let us stand humbly before Him! Amen.

Elmhurst College Choir At Christian Temple

The first appearance in Virginia of the **Choir and Chapel Bell Ringers of Elmhurst College** in Elmhurst, Illinois (a Chicago suburb), will be at The Christian Temple in Norfolk on Wednesday evening, April 28, 1965. All of the churches of our denominational fellowship in the Tidewater area have been extended an invitation to this outstanding event.

Elmhurst College is an institution of higher learning affiliated with the former Evangelical and Reformed Church, now within the fellowship of the United Church of Christ. Approximately forty young people constitute the personnel of this choir which will present a concert in the Christian Temple sanctuary. This is a part of the **Spring Concert Tour** on the Atlantic Seaboard during the Spring vacation period at the College.

Donation tickets will be one dollar for adults and fifty cents for students.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

On Christian Careers

"Why an ordained ministry in a modern age?" by Gabriel Fackre, taken from YOUTH, January 31, 1965.

What do you make of a day in the life of a minister—A few will see in it an exercise in humanitarianism. Others will be struck by the exhausting pace. Still others will label it meddling in people's affairs. Some will call it folly. There is a deeper meaning in these simple encounters with a desperate father, a tender old woman, an excited group of young adults, a fist-swinging segregationist. They point to that fearful yet exciting design of service which is the Christian ministry, and, in fact is a clue to what the gospel itself is all about.

The heartbeat of our faith: Before we can draw a bead on our target question, "Why the ministry?", we have to get in focus the gospel itself. The simple confession made at the altar at confirmation time, or when people make their first public acknowledgement of faith, sums up the two sides of our religion: Jesus Christ—Saviour and Lord.

When we take a good honest look at ourself in the light of the life of Christ and wake up to the fact that we are a long way off from where we are supposed to be; and when we see that in spite of our shabbiness and weakness, God still goes all out to show us how much He cares, even to the point of letting His own Son die to get through to us, then we begin to understand something of what the New Testament means by the word, "Saviour." It's the terribly close-to-home, personal part of Christianity.

But that's only half of it. God's love is not only private and personal. It's also public and worldly. God wants to reclaim His whole world (John 3:16), and that includes the outer life as well as the inner life. When we say we believe that Christ is "Lord," that's what we mean: He is the ruler of every department of life, including courthouses, factories, television stations, and grocery stores, as well as souls and churches. And to believe with all one's heart that Christ is a Lord who must be obeyed out in the world means that we move with Samaritan compassion on to the many Jericho roads that honeycomb that world to bind up the wounds of men who are hurt and bleeding there. To trust Christ as Saviour—personal Saviour, and to obey Him as Lord—public Lord, that is what our faith is all about. Leave out one side or the other and the gospel gets twisted out of shape.

The Body—alive and at work: Where does the minister come into this picture? (A day in the life of a pastor tells the story). The people they were with, the places they went, and the things they did, all shout loud and clear the gospel of Saviour and Lord. Pastor was ministering to the deepest personal and private needs as he kept company with the anxious, prayed for the sick, comforted the bereaved, celebrated the sacrament, helped the confused find meaning for their lives. Another pastor by his assistance in the voter registration drive was affirming his conviction that the Lord ruled over the ballot box as well as over the church building, and was willing to "preach" with his body by giving it to be beaten on the streets of the city.

1965 Johns River Camps

The following camps will be held at Johns River Camp, Collettsville, North Carolina, sponsored by the Southern Synod of the United Church of Christ. Young people of the Southern Convention are welcome.

June 27-July 3—Senior High (finished grades 10-11-12)
July 4-10—Junior (finished grade 3)
July 11-17—Upper Junior I (finished grades 4-5)
July 18-24—Upper Junior II (finished grades 4-5)
July 25-31—Junior High (finished grades 6-7)
August 1-7—Middle High (finished grades 8-9)

The registration fee for each week is $5.00. Total cost is $25.00. Forms for registration may be obtained from Southern Convention Office, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. Forms will be sent to churches along with descriptive folders. Rev. J. Wayne Fouts, Route 5, Box 329, Thomasville, N. C. 27360, is Registrar for camps at Johns River.

Portsmouth United Youth Issue Newsletter

The Senior Pilgrim Fellowship at the **United Congregational Christian Church in Portsmouth** have published the first issue of their new churchwide newsletter, **UNITED NEWS.** This monthly paper will emphasize work being done by the young people as well as what is happening in their whole church. In the first issue several interesting pieces appeared indicating a lively spirit among the youth. We are always pleased to see this kind of effort being expended by young people . . . more pleased than ever when **The Christian Sun** gets on the mailing list.

Youth Sunday at Albemarle

On Youth Sunday in Albemarle the young people taught throughout the entire Church School. They also served as superintendents of the Adult, Young People and Children's Departments. Wayne Harkey and Alan Rothwell assisted the minister, Rev. J. Everette Neese, in the morning worship service. Mr. Neese spoke to the youth on the subject: "If I Should Die Before I Live."

Dr. Henry N. Tani

Dr. Henry N. Tani, for many years chairman of the Youth Ministry of the Division of Christian Education of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, died February 21 of a heart attack while driving from his home to an afternoon speaking engagement. Last September Dr. Tani became director of Christian Education of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ. He was fifty years old.

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Maybe by now you are thinking to yourself, "Yes, but what is the difference between these things and the things any Christian should do? What is so unique about the pastor's task?"

A good question. The answer lies in some important ideas which St. Paul has about what he called, "the Body of Christ." Writing to the Christians at Corinth the apostle Paul says that the Church is very much like a human body. It's made up of a lot of different parts, which working together properly make it healthy. As you read the description of the various parts of the Body of Christ (the Church), they appear to fall into two divisions. One kind of organ is geared to keeping the Body alive and another kind to keeping it alert. That is, some members have the job of nourishment, and others have the task of keeping it limbered up so it can walk and work at its responsibilities in the world. Both kinds are vital. As St. Paul put it, "If all were a single organ, where would the body be?" (I Cor. 12:19).

FINANCIAL REPORT

The North Carolina Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women
Second Quarter, 1964-65.
Ending February 28, 1965

Women's Fellowships	Amount
Albemarle	$ 30.00
Amelia	11.00
Apple's Chapel	44.00
Asheboro	50.00
Asheville	180.00
Bethel	15.00
Bethlehem (A)	10.00
Bethlehem (W)	25.00
Burlington, Beverly Hills	40.00
Burlington, First	280.00
Burlington, Lakeview	8.75
Carolina	9.00
Chapel Hill	87.50
Concord	25.00
Durham	178.11
Elon College	120.95
Fayetteville, Eutaw	15.00
Flint Hill (R)	5.50
Fuller Chapel	12.50
Greensboro, First	187.50
Greensboro, Palm St.	27.49
Hank's Chapel	27.50
Happy Home	25.00
Haw River	13.75
Hayes Chapel	25.00
Hebron	5.00
Henderson	49.50
High Point	30.00
Hines' Chapel	10.00
Hopedale	25.00
Lebanon	6.75
Liberty, Vance	65.50
Long's Chapel	18.75
Monticello	16.00
Mount Auburn	26.00
Mount Pleasant	10.00
Oak Level	15.00
Pfafftown	10.00
Piney Plain	25.00
Pleasant Grove (Va)	7.50
Pleasant Ridge (G)	15.00
Pleasant Ridge (R)	22.00
Raleigh	66.00
Ramseur	12.00
Randleman	5.00
Reidsville	100.00
Sanford, Northview	6.25
Sanford, United	62.50
Seagrove	8.00
Shallow Ford	13.75
Shallow Well	31.60
South Boston	13.75
Spoon's Chapel	6.25
Tryon	275.00
Turner's Chapel	13.75
Union Grove	8.50
Union (Va.)	16.50
Wake Chapel	75.00
Winston-Salem	34.00
Zion (WNC)	8.00
	$2,566.40

Children's Groups	
Apple's Chapel	26.15
Durham	10.91
Henderson	6.00
Cradle Roll	
Durham	3.35
	46.41
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**$2,612.81**

Disbursements	
Expenses of:	
President	45.00
Treasurer	5.00
Contributions to:	
NC Council of Women's Organizations	15.00
Dept. of Church Women, NC Council of Churches	50.00
Advance to Mrs. Madren to attend workshop in Florida	180.00
	295.00
Mrs. W. B. Williams, Treasurer Women's Fellowship of the Southern Convention, for:	
Missions—General Fund	2,236.81
Life Memberships	60.00
Rachanyapuram School for Girls	6.00
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilkins	15.00
	2,317.81
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**$2,612.81**

SPECIAL MILK FUND

Remember The Special Lenten Projects In The Southern Convention

UNITED CLOTHING APPEAL

LENTEN EMPHASES IN SERMON SERIES

First, Hampton
Reconciliation
Two Great Battles For Life
Judas And His Problem
Pilate's Dilemma
Confusion And The Cross
The Inevitable Witness
A Victorious Life
Rev. Carl E. Wallace, Pastor

First, Henderson
Art Thou A King?
What Shall Be The Sign Of Thy Coming?
Shall We Give Tribute To Caesar?
In The Resurrection Whose Wife Shall She Be?
Which Is The Greatest Commandment?
Art Thou The Son Of God?
Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?
Rev. Harry R. Mathis, Pastor

Lynnhaven Colony, Virginia Beach
Obedience
Reconciliation
Expiation
Justification
Love
Death and Resurrection
Rev. Thomas H. Britton, Pastor

Suffolk Christian
Do Not Give Dogs What Is Holy
Do Not Be Anxious
Have Faith In God
Take Up The Cross
As You Wish That Men Would Do To You, Do So To Them
Will We Share In The Triumph?
Easter — You — And Your Destiny
Rev. Robert B. Marr, Pastor

Calvary, Thomasville
The Sign Of Forgiveness
The Sign Of Peace
The Sign Of Understanding
The Sign Of Decision
The Sign Of Mystery
The Sign Of His Presence
The Sign Of His Resurrection
Rev. Huitt R. Carpenter, Pastor

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Mrs. L. E. Smith Passes Away

Mrs. Ella Brunk Smith, 81, wife of Dr. Leon Edgar Smith, President Emeritus of Elon College, passed away Tuesday, March 16, in the New Smyrna Beach, Florida, hospital, following an illness of several months.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith had made their home at 3776 Jefferson Boulevard (Bayside), Virginia Beach, Virginia, since Dr. Smith's retirement as President of Elon in 1957. They had been at the Retirement Hotel, New Smyrna Beach, Florida, since last September.

Mrs. Smith was a native of Jericho, Missouri, but moved with her parents to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. At the time of her Elon student days and her marriage she lived in the Cluster Spring community in Halifax County, Virginia. She was graduated from Elon College in 1907 and taught in a mission school for Indians in New Mexico. She was married to Dr. Smith on October 18, 1911, and for the next year they made their home in Greensboro, North Carolina, where Dr. Smith was then pastor of the First Christian Church.

In September, 1912, she went with her husband to Princeton Theological Seminary, where she studied at Princeton University, and where the work she took was submitted to Elon College where she was awarded the Master of Arts degree.

Dr. Smith became Elon's president in 1931. During his 26-year tenure, Mrs. Smith played an outstanding role in the life of the College and community. She was founder of the Elon College Garden Club and was active in programs of the Elon College Book Club and the Music Club.

Pastorates held by her husband included the First Christian Church, Greensboro; First Christian Church, Huntington, Indiana; and the Christian Temple, Norfolk, Virginia, built under the leadership of Dr. Smith before coming to Elon. As a minister's wife, Mrs. Smith was an inspiration and leader in many activities of the churches served by her husband. She was active in the women's organizations of the Congregational Christian Churches of the Eastern Virginia Conference, the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, and the Southern Convention.

In 1957, the golden anniversary of her graduating class, Mrs. Smith received the Outstanding Alumna Award. In addition, the college yearbook (PhiPsiCli) was dedicated to her and Dr. Smith.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband; a son L. E. Smith, Jr., of Danville, Virginia; a daughter, Mrs. Rebecca S. Wild of Albion, Michigan; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 19, at the Christian Temple in Norfolk by Dr. Frank R. Hamilton, her pastor. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Whitley Memorial Auditorium at Elon College, and burial will be made in a mausoleum in Magnolia Cemetery at Elon College.

Mrs. Smith's many friends and neighbors will remember her with deep gratitude and affection. A lady of noble character and exceptional ability, she unselfishly dedicated her fine talents to the support of her husband in the ministry he performed as a pastor and an educator.

The tribute which Dr. Smith gave to Mrs. Smith in his final report to the Board of Trustees of Elon College in 1957 was most justly deserved by this noble woman:

Personally, I could not bear too great a tribute to her interest and labors for the advancements of our college. We owe her a lasting debt of gratitude for her efforts and unselfish services."

"I should not close my final report to the Trustees of Elon College as President without giving due recognition and paying tribute to Mrs. L. E. Smith for her unselfish and untiring efforts in behalf of Elon College. She has given of her time, talents and energy, without reserve, for the college. In the dark days when we were laboring zealously day after day and into the night for the recovery of Elon College she spared no effort to realize our ambition and hopes for our college. During the summers of 1932, 33, 34 and 35 she took care of cleaning the buildings, putting the campus in order and the improvements of surroundings in general without asking or expecting any kind or type of remuneration.

Mrs. Smith drew the plans and specifications for all the faculty houses that we have built at Elon. In fact, practically all the improvements on and off the campus bear the imprint of her personality and effects of her artistic touch in making these improvements. All the public programs given by the college through the years have been built and fashioned by her.

The sympathy of the entire fellowship of the Southern Convention and its institutions is extended to Dr. Smith and his family.

Two New Buildings And Renovation Planned

Plans for the construction of a new men's dormitory and a new student center and for the renovation of an existing classroom building on the Elon College campus were announced today by Dr. J. E. Danieley, president of the college, acting on authorization given by the Elon College trustees at their recent annual meeting.

The new men's dormitory, which will be constructed in the southeast corner of Elon's walled campus, will be a three-story brick structure and of a traditional architectural design to blend with other buildings on the Elon campus. It is planned to house 150 men students, providing space for 62 persons in addition to the 88 students now residing in East and South Dormitories.

The East Dormitory, only one of Elon's original buildings still standing on the campus, is to be used for other purposes while being preserved for its historic value, and the temporary wooden building known as South Dormitory will be torn down to provide space for the proposed new student center.

The schedule of construction for the new dormitory has not

NEW BUILDINGS (continued)

been set, but the plans call for early negotiation of a loan from the federal Housing and Home Finance Agency, with the cost of the structure to be amortized by rental income. This plan was also used in the construction some years ago of the Carolina and Smith Hall dormitories for men and the Virginia Hall dormitory for women.

The second new building to house a student center on the Elon campus will be a two-story brick structure, also of traditional design, to be located on the site of the wooden building that now houses South Dormitory and a number of offices for faculty and student activities.

This new student center will furnish space for the student mail boxes, the college book store, a campus snack shop with adjoining patio, quarters for the student health services, a student lounge and game room and office space for the Student Government Association and the campus publications, along with quarters for the college photographer and number of rooms for meetings, conferences and music listening.

Slated for a complete renovation this summer at an estimated cost of $100,000 is the Duke Memorial Science Building, originally built in the 1920's and which houses the classrooms for mathematics and the various natural sciences. This renovation program is made possible as a result of the funds derived from the college's "Diamond Anniversary Fund Campaign."

Registration Time

Christian Vocations Retreat

MOONELON CENTER

APRIL 23-25

Registrations for the 1965 CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS RETREAT have begun arriving at the office here in Elon College. **Young people planning to attend from your church should get their registration forms in at once.**

Last year more than 100 individuals shared in this weekend retreat. That was too many! This year the registrations will be limited to the actual space and accomodations we have. **High schoolers who have finished at least tenth grade are eligible.** There is no charge for sincerely interested young people.

If you need registration forms, write **Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.** Do it now!

A Letter From India

Dear Friend:

I have just noted in the "Interchurch News" on page No. 8 the item on Milk Shortage. As I dictate this letter I am in my own village in a prayerful fast that our own food production work may become more intense in our Gramdan villages, initiated by Vinobaji. We have been receiving Church World Service food in 9 of our village Kindergarten and mothers' centres. This is no substitute for our own production for food. But meanwhile, while we are struggling to solve these large village economic problems, the feeding of our little children is far more significant than any of you can realize. We normally think of kindergartens only in our cities. Here we are taking them to the very poor. This should underline the importance of our American friends continuing to send the milkpowder that they have been sending.

MOONELON CENTER

Adult Leaders Needed!

The Camp-Conference Witness

Young people need to know Christian adults willing to give of themselves for the things in which they believe!

Young people need to discover the vitality and relevance of the Christian gospel in fresh and understandable terms!

Young people need to be allowed to think in depth, question frankly, and build firmly in all aspects of their lives: physical, intellectual and spiritual.

Young people need direction and time to meet these needs. One way is through the camp/conference program at Moonelon Center. This opportunity offers fellowship with dedicated leaders, exposure to the truths of our faith in ways which place this faith at the center of things, and a chance to respond to the stimulating and challenging invitation to grow in relationship to God.

For this witness at Moonelon Center, Christian adults are needed who are willing to give a week of their time to enforce the belief that the gospel is worth this effort and that young people ought to have this kind of experience. **So far less than ten adults have responded to the invitation** of the Southern Convention Board of Christian Education to serve as small group leaders at Moonelon. **Nearly sixty are needed!**

Planning requires that adequate time be given for training and the gaining of familiarity with teaching materials. This is not something which should be decided on the spur of the moment at the last possible minute. **If you have an interest in young people, can communicate with them in an effective manner, are willing to grow along with them in faith, and will give a week of your time this summer to share with them in a thrilling experience out-of-doors in unique surroundings,** please contact Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. Camp/conference dates for which leadership is needed are:

June 20-26—Senior High P.F. Planning & Training Conference
June 27-July 3—Junior Age 1 Camp
July 4-10—Junior High 1 Camp/Conference
July 11-17—Middle High Conference
July 18-24—Junior Age 2 Camp
July 25-31—Junior High 2 Camp/Conference
August 1-7—Junior Age 3 Camp

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We have been told that we could not expect such milkpowder in 1965. When I shared this announcement with my co-workers, they pleaded with me to stress the importance of such gifts. It is true that the wheat and other gifts are very helpful. However, the most important gift, so my Indian co-workers would say, is the gift of milkpowder. In your program to secure more such gifts in the USA I hope these facts will strengthen all that you are doing.

How grateful we are for your sharing with us at that end in this important work of Jesus Christ in this area.

Sincerely yours,
R. R. Keithahn

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Spring Signs!

March 8, 1965

Dear Friends:

It is hard to believe that another season has passed and that spring is almost here. The change of activities with our boys and girls give every indication that spring is about to arrive. As I write this letter, I can see out of my office window boys planting various seeds for early vegetables. Mr. Perkins and these boys have been at work most of this week since the land has dried out getting ready for these various vegetables.

Also, the basketball and extra-curricular activities are being replaced by the baseball and bat and various track activities. Some boys are interested in running the various races such as the 200, 100 yard dash and such while others are interested in broad jumping, high jumping.

This means for us that clothing needs will develop. As we go from one season to another, we have to think of various items of clothing that are needed by our boys and girls. This means additional expense. We are so grateful for the various sponsors we have, both individuals and churches, who help us with various children's needs whom they sponsor. This is a great help to us in meeting the basic needs of these children as far as clothing is required.

Mrs. Beck, our seamstress, is hard at work and has been for some weeks now making Easter dresses for our senior and junior girls. There will also be proms, both for elementary and senior high school. She will be helping these girls to get these various dresses ready.

Thus, these are exciting times on our campus because there are many things happening. We are glad of the opportunity we have to share in the lives of these boys and girls and to help them meet the various needs in their lives. This we can only do because of the support we receive from individuals like you and your church. Many thanks for all of your fine support.

Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

REPORT FOR MARCH 8, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	**$ 106.07**
Eastern North Carolina Conference	**94.00**
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	**100.75**
Total	**$ 300.82**
Special Offerings	
New Hope Christian Church, Roanoke, Alabama	**$ 10.00**
1st Cong. Church, Canton Center, Conn.	**13.23**
Zion Christian Church, Sanford, N. C.	**112.50**
Ladies Aid Society, Northfield Cong. Church, Waterbury, Conn.	**7.50**
Mrs. Margaret H. Pritchett, Elon College, N. C.	**10.00**
Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McLelland, Burlington, N. C.	**10.00**
Bethel Church, New Hill, N. C.	**10.00**
Friendly Service, Women's Fellowship, Plymouth Cong. Church, Coconut Grove, Florida	**100.00**
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mrs. N. Z. Rhodes	
In Memory of Mrs. J. R. Rhodes	
In Memory of Edith McPherson Spencer	
In Memory of Mr. E. S. W. Dameron, Sr.	
In Memory of Mr. Oscar Chandler	
In Memory of Mr. Harry Cobb	
In Memory of Mrs. L. E. Atwater	
In Memory of Mrs. G. Marvin Holt, Sr.	
In Memory of Mrs. W. N. Stansell	
In Memory of Miss Rosa Patterson	
In Memory of Mrs. Daisy Carrigan	
In Memory of Mrs. C. M. Brown	
In Memory of Mr. John M. Holt	
In Memory of Miss Wilmer Holt	
In Memory of Mr. Paul Reid Thomas (2 Memorials)	
Total Memorial Gifts	**120.00**
Special Offerings	**1,107.50**
Total	**$1,515.73**
Total for the Week	**$1,816.55**

New President At Talladega

Dr. Herman H. Long will be inaugurated as President of Talladega College March 28, 1965. Mr. Long will be the ninth President of Talladega.

Talladega was the first college opened to Negroes in the State of Alabama, and began its work as a primary school in 1867, under the auspices of the American Missionary Association of the Congregational Churches. The college was incorporated in 1869, and its charter was confirmed and enlarged by the legislature of the State of Alabama in 1889. Talladega is a college related to the Council for Higher Education of the United Church of Christ.

The new President was for some time director of the Race Relations Department of the Congregational Christian Churches, and later a part of the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ. He has a long and distinguished career in the field of human rights and education.

Lenten School Of Religion At Franklin

The Congregational Christian Church at Franklin is having a **Lenten School of Religion** during Lent. As part of the spiritual preparation of the fellowship for Easter, this series of four Wednesday evening presentations is being offered. The unifying theme of the evenings is: **Today's Faith: How It Is Expressed.** Specific topics and guest speakers will be:

March 17—". . . Through Art," Rev. Nauman, pastor of the church.

March 24—". . . Through Modern Thought," Rev. Victor Hayes, pastor of Warwick UCC, Newport News.

March 31—". . . Through Music," Mrs. Kay Phillips, voice teacher at Chowan College, with choirs.

April 7—". . . Through Christian Education," Rev. Richard N. Rinker, of the Southern Convention staff.

ASHEBORO CONGREGATIONAL
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (U. C. C.)

SPRING SESSION

of

The Western North Carolina Conference of
Congregational Christian Churches
(An Acting Association of the United Church of Christ)

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1965

PROGRAM

Theme: "Modern Adventures With The Gospel"

9:40 Registration and Friendly Greetings
10:00 Call to Order by the President, J. Avery Brown
Worship Service, led by the Rev. C. Fred Allred
10:15 Roll Call of Churches and Ministers
Recognition of Visitors
10:35 Introduction of Guest Speaker, Dr. Clyde L. Fields
Address: The Reverend Karlton C. Johnson
11:25 Hymn No. 374 "We've a Story to Tell"
11:30 A Film on Our Christian World Mission
12:00 Announcements and Prayers, Rev. William Everhart
Luncheon Recess
1:30 Conference Reconvenes
Hymn and Prayer, Dr. F. C. Lester
1:40 "Workshops"

Foreign Missions	Miss Angie Crew
Missions at Home	Dr. Clyde L. Fields
Conference Fund	J. Avery Brown
Stewardship	Rev. Karlton C. Johnson

2:30 Evaluation Session from the Workshops
2:55 Hymn and Closing Prayer, Rev. J. Rex Thomas

Materials For Vacation Church Schools

The Cooperative Series of VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL MATERIALS are now available from United Church Bookstore, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19102. The theme for 1965 is **GOD AND HIS WORLD.** Titles and costs of age group materials are as follows:

	Pupil's Book	Teacher's Book	Activity
Kindergarten			
God's World of Wonder	$ .25	$1.25	$ .50
Primary			
God the Creator	.30	1.25	.35
Junior			
God, Creator & Sustainer	.35	1.25	.40
Junior High			
World Without End	.40	1.25	

Copies of the helpful booklet, **THE HOW OF VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL,** may be purchased for 60c. A descriptive brochure is available free to churches from the above address. Plan **now** for your VCS if you haven't already begun!

Dr. Pegram Hospitalized

Dr. Charles Pegram, pastor of the Pembroke Manor United Church of Christ, Virginia Beach, is in the Virginia Beach Hospital. Friends may wish to write him there.

ON THE EDGE

During Lent, the laymen of the **Wake Chapel Christian Church (UCC)** are reading the Old and New Testament Lessons for the Sunday morning worship services. Laymen of the church are also participating in a city-wide Laymen's Revival which will be held during April 26-30.

On March 21, Rev. Richard N. Rinker met with the youth group at **Hank's Chapel Christian Church, Pittsboro,** to discuss program materials and share in fellowship with the group.

Sunday evening Lenten services are being held at **St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Greensboro,** during Lent. Leadership is shared with the pastor, Rev. Carl Daye, by laymen of the church. One evening will be a special musical service by the choir.

A Prayer Fellowship is being held Tuesday evenings at the **Wake Chapel United Church of Christ.** II Peter is being studied by the group. Pastor of the church is Rev. Carl F. Dunker.

A fascinating sermon title at **Franklin's Congregational Christian Church: Dogma's and Catnaps** for March 21. Rev. St. Elmo Nauman, Jr. is minister.

On March 14, Rev. Robert Myers and members of **Lyerly Memorial Church, Rockwell,** presented "The History of the Passion" at **Shiloh United Church of Christ in Faith, N. C.** Rev. Van D. Grimes is pastor of the Shiloh Church.

Dr. Frank Hamilton, pastor of **The Christian Temple, Norfolk,** went for a short cruise on the new aircraft carrier, **America,** along with other business and professional men, on March 15. He will also be Retreat Master and the preacher at **Fort Eustis, Va.,** for a Protestant Religious Emphasis Week from April 5-9.

The Women's Fellowship at **Apples Chapel United Church of Christ, Gibsonville,** had Mr. Jesse Vuncannon as guest speaker with slides of missionary work at their March 14 meeting.

The Churchmen's Fellowship Breakfast at **First Christian Church (UCC), Burlington,** held at 8:00 a. m. March 14, heard guest speaker, Dr. J. Earl Danieley, President of Elon College.

The topic of discussion at the Youth Fellowship meeting of **Calvary United Church of Christ, Thomasville,** on March 21, was **High School Wedding Bands.**

VCS Workshop Leaders

There will be a training session for leaders of Vacation Church School Workshops held at the **Elon College Community Church** on Saturday, **April 3,** from lunch (12:00) until 4:00 p. m. This is sponsored by the Joint Christian Education Committees of the Southern Conference. It is **for those workers who will be leading VCS workshops in** the areas of North Carolina and Southern Virginia.

Please note that this training opportunity is for workshop leaders. Individuals who will be teaching in local Vacation Church Schools will have several area VCS Workshops from which to choose for their training. These area workshops will be led by those being trained on March 27 at Elon and will be held during the week of May 2, some on the afternoon of the second and others on Tuesday evening, May 4th. Places and times will be announced in the near future.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

On Being Affectionate

Mr. Webster offers several definitions for "affection", all of which aptly correspond to what a large number of the churched feel in relationship to God. "A feeling or emotion . . . usually a moderate one." "A settled good will." "A condition, state, or mode of being which is not essential or unalterable." "Bent of mind." The synonyms suggested are "tenderness" and "fondness".

Too many of us are fond of God. Too often we have tender feelings toward Him. We are moderately inclined to hear what He has given. We are people of good will, convinced that we have "it", and our complacency ofttimes inclines the world to say, "Keep it and be happy." In our convictions we are alterable though we memorize formulas and repeat the creeds of the past; unessential except as purveyers of warmth and comfort religiously bottled in the forms and containers of our institutionalism. We are an affectionate people.

A husband has affection for his wife. Wives affectionately care for their spouses. Their affection is an outward sign of an inward love . . . passionate, self-giving, and devotional. The affection of the Christian is not a symbol, in many cases. It is the end. It is the final demonstration of man's attitude toward his God. Affectionately we drop our envelopes in the offering plate each Sunday. Affectionately we do little things about the House (of God) to indicate our affection for Him. Affectionately we respond to His wishes . . . sometimes with a "Yes" and other times with a "No". Ah, yes - we are indeed an affectionate people.

In a sense, affection of a husband for his wife, and wives for husbands is a carryover from courtship, and before that, from puppy-love. The little things still need to be done, but they have ceased being the ends in themselves and have matured into tokens of something deeper and much more significant. So it should be with the churched! Or is it that we are still in the adolescence of faithfulness (which is perhaps called religiousness)? Maybe we're still courting God! His proposal has been made . . . maybe we still haven't made up our minds about accepting. Maybe we enjoy the shallow relationship of religiousness and have no wish to commit ourselves beyond the affection of a moderate fondness for God.

Affection becomes love, one suspects, when the "me" becomes less important than the "Thee". The tokens of affection continue: the little things that became important in courtship and that can continue being important as they become reset into the relationship of love. This is the growth toward God's love for us which being loved by Him makes it possible for us to reflect. It is continuing growth. Just as husband and wife need to discover each other anew and in deepening relationships of trust and responsibility, so the churchman must go on growing in his awareness of God, developing a relationship of trust and responsibility through this increasing awareness. This is an endless process. Always we are becoming that which we would be: followers of the Christ who loved God. This is perhaps what makes becoming his follower so difficult . . . not because of what he did, but because of why he did it!

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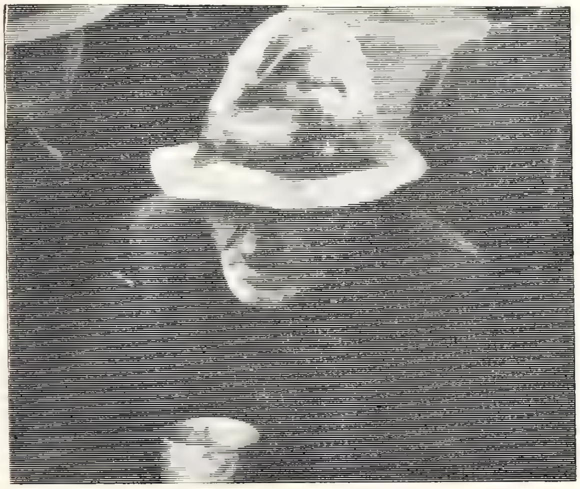

Our Christian World Mission

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him. And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign?

/KJ

The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven, to test him. And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign?"

/RSV

Now the Pharisees came out and began an argument with him, wanting a sign from Heaven. Jesus gave a deep sigh, and then said, "What makes this generation want a sign?"

/Phillips

The gospel is presently engaged in competition with every other demand on the lives of men. Just as advertisements play an important part in commercial marketing, so people imagine advertisements ought to be playing a part in the "marketing" of the gospel. The "signs" are sought today just as they were looked for in the days of Jesus by the Pharisees. "Show me how well your product works!" or "If your stuff is so good, give me a demonstration!"

Where this gospel can really make a difference, in lives, it cannot begin to work because of the attitude which demands that it work first and then become acceptable. Acceptance on faith precedes its effectiveness. Therefore those who demand a test for its power never quite get what they want. Without the acceptance of faith, results are slow in coming. Without growth in understanding the meaning of faith and a personal relationship with God, the acceptability of some results which come may never be realized. The simple fact is that apart from faith's assurance there are things which happen which are totally unacceptable.

Marketing the gospel was not the job of Jesus of Nazareth . . . nor is it the job of the contemporary church. The gospel cannot compete with the worldly institutions of men because it cannot be judged by the same standards applied to temporal quantities in life. It is eternal, of God. Its acceptance comes not because of what it can do, but because it is of God. This is faith . . . that we listen not because we always like what we hear God saying, but because it is God doing the talking.

A Special Week On Aging

May 2-8, 1965

The first special attention given to the aging by North Carolina was in 1950 when the first National Conference on aging was held. Since that time the succeeding governors of North Carolina have given special consideration to the 344,000 North Carolineans who are 65 years of age or older. However, it was not until 1958 that the first **Special Week on Aging** was celebrated.

There are 18 million men and women in this country who are 65 years of age or older. Of this number, 12,000 have passed the century mark. We can expect the number of aged persons in these United States and North Carolina to increase during the succeeding years.

The week of May 2 has been declared the Special Week on Aging. A great deal of publicity will be given to this special program of recognition to the aging for their contributions to our society. Also, emphasis will be placed on the resources available to our senior citizens. The church has always been a haven of rest as well as a bulwark of protection, encouragement and comfort for the aged. The church needs the aged and the aged need the church for each can make an exceptional contribution to the other.

We suggest and recommend that each church of the Southern Conference **recognize the senior citizens of the community and of the local congregation in some special way during this week** that has been declared "their" week. You could give them a banquet, take them on a tour of places they like, hold outings of all kinds, have picnics, art and craft shows, luncheons, parties and other events of special interest to the aged of your particular locality.

Work with older people is the purest type of service because they have so little to give to you in return. The teacher of Galilee said, "When you give a dinner or banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they can not repay you." —Luke 14:12-14

It is the purest service imaginable. Try it!

Lawrence A. Leonard, Coordinator
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CHANGE

Progress involves change. **Progress depends on seeking new and better ways for accomplishing the objective.** Some feel change is inevitable if progress is to occur. Others feel that change only produces undesirable and wicked results.

Change is amoral. **The moral connotation of change has to do with a judgment on results, rather than change itself.** Without change, there would be stagnation or the continuance of the status quo in perpetuity. Men of vision have always sought for the best. Men of vision have shared a divine discontent with less than the best — hence, the search for the best is an unending goal. Change, therefore, is simply the route by which men of vision seek to point the way to a better day.

The Bible is not unaware of change. The Bible speaks of men of vision who "seek for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God". The Bible tells of a God who has been discontent with the nature of his world and the people who inhabited it. Judgment has come upon the land and the people from age to age.

The new Testament tells us of a Christ who encouraged and demanded change. This Christ sat in judgment on civil and religious tradition, and pointed in a new direction. **This new direction involved change.**

The New Testament speaks of conversion. Conversion is change, turning about, turning from sin to Christ. Christ, in an interview with Nicodemus, spoke of the new birth as a desirable and necessary change in the life of Nicodemus. Christ compared the spirit with the wind. The wind blows softly at times and strong at other times, but in each instance, it effects change in our environment. **God is at work in his world through his Holy Spirit seeking to effect change in the lives of individuals and our society.**

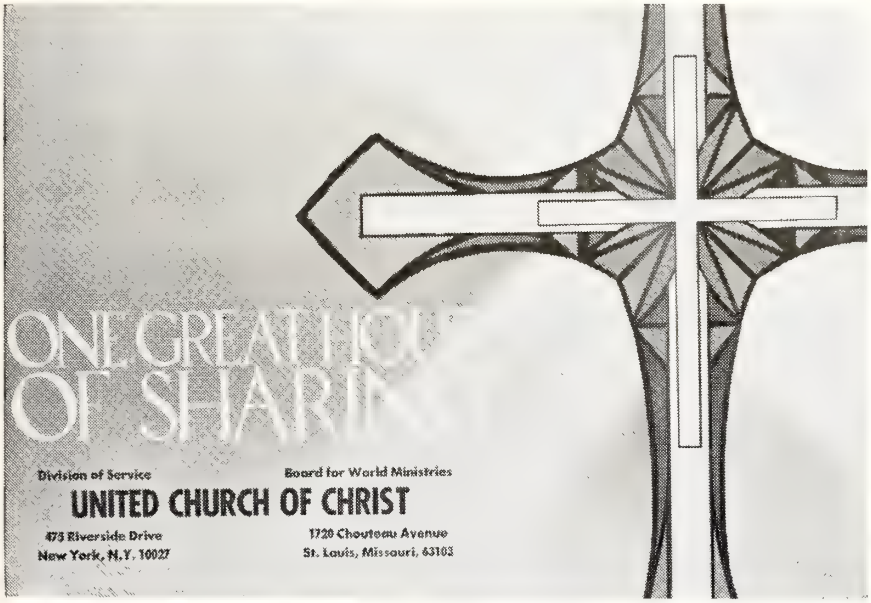
FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

Jesus talked about the Kingdom of God in ideal terms, yet with high hopes of its practical reality in the lives of his followers. Discipleship meant citizenship in the Kingdom of God. Such citizens were to live by the law of love. Such citizenship was the spiritual birthright of a true disciple of Jesus. Such is still the case.

The Convention of the South, the Southern Synod, and the Southern Convention have agreed on an objective, a goal, a way of togetherness, rather than separateness. Months of planning, heart searching of many, and the exercising of a democratic process in voting, have brought us to the decision that unites us in a more effective way of service to Christ and his church. To this end goal we are all committed and dedicated. This involves change.

Since November 17-18, 1964, the writer and numerous others have attended countless committee meetings, boards, and consultations designed **to adjust and change three good units of our fellowship into one better unit of our fellowship.** I have been impressed with the consecration shown by so many in this task of guiding change. People of good will united in a prayerful search will overcome the love for the status quo innate in each of us. With a just appreciation and understanding of the past, coupled with the spirit of those who have "sought for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God", we shall find the way of necessary and desirable change for the goal before us.

Clyde L. Fields



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERINGS

Churches of the Southern Convention are participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing on March 28th or on a Sunday chosen by the local Church. Offerings from the One Great Hour of Sharing should be sent to the Southern Convention Office. Funds from the One Great Hour of Sharing will help provide for the work of the Division of World Service of the Board for World Missions.

Through the Division of World Service, the churches of our fellowship have provided the following items of food and service since mid-December, 1964:

1. Dried fish and 180,000 pounds of wheat to the victims of the typhoon in the Philippines.
2. Penicillin and emergency foods to the victims of cyclone and flood in Ceylon.
3. 500 blankets for the victims of the flood in California.
4. 500 tents for families who were victims of the earthquake in Algeria.

Churches of the Southern Convention will be generous in their support of the One Great Hour of Sharing.

—Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent

Introducing The Council For Lay Life And Work

of the United Church of Christ

By John L. Casteel

A Unique Agency

The Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ is really "something new under the sun." Nothing exactly like it can be found in any of our American Protestant denominations. Nothing quite like it exists in the World Council of Churches, although the Council does have a Department of Laity that carries on a very important program. In the National Council of Churches a new Division of Christian Unity will include a department on the Laity and on Co-operation of Men and Women in the Church and in Society. None has quite the same organization or task as does our Council for Lay Life and Work.

New Responsibilities

This is not to say that the Council has no roots in the men's and women's organizations which have been part of the life and work of the churches. Nevertheless, the Council is not simply a continuation of these organizations. It has been given new responsibilities, and because it is a new kind of organization, it has some of the problems that always attend the creation of a new instrumentality, as well as something of the promise of a new work not yet settled into fixed patterns.

The purpose of this statement is to give a tentative answer to the question many of us are asking: "What is the Council for Lay Life and Work?" and "What is it intended to do?"

Direction

The Council was created by Article 82, of the Constitution of the United Church of Christ. The Article reads:

"The General Synod shall establish a Council for Lay Life and Work as the Instrumentality of the United Church of Christ responsible for increasing, developing, and co-ordinating the activities and participation of laymen and laywomen in the church as a means of witnessing effectively for Jesus Christ in all areas of life."

This statement must be taken, of course, as only pointing in a general direction. Almost every phrase in it could be the subject of further discussion and clarification. The statement must be read in the light of the intention of those people who were responsible for the formation of the Council. The minutes of their meetings, over a number of years, offer instructive reading. Still more, the article must be read in the light of what has been happening in recent years in the Council, in the churches, and in the world, with respect to our understanding of who lay people are and what their Christian calling is.

Purposes

With these points in mind, the Constitution can be seen to suggest three main purposes for the Council:

1.) The Council has the responsibility for evaluating men's and women's work, as these have been carried on in the churches, and for conserving the significant meanings they embody. Some people have had the impression that the Council was meant to displace and abolish the work of these organizations; but the Constitution clears up this misunderstanding. The exact connections between the Council and men's and women's organizations still need to be worked out, but considerable progress has been made already on this point. At the same time, it should be remembered that many lay people in the churches have not been involved in these organizations. The Council has been created to serve the needs and interests of all the lay people in the churches, both those within the existing organizations and those who are looking for a new opportunity to express their sense of being the lay people of God in the church and in the world.

As one way in which the Council seeks to evaluate and conserve the values found in the men's and women's organizations—as well as to minister to other lay people—the Council has begun a long-range study of the role and identity of men and of women in our modern society. This concern will take a prominent place in Council program enterprises. We cannot justly assess the value of men's and women's organizations without understanding the views about the place of men and of women in society and in the church that underlay the formation of these organizations. In the same way, we cannot plan for the life and work of lay people in the churches and in the world, in the years ahead, without understanding the changes taking place in their roles and relationships. Through this study and the program designs that can be drawn from it the Council intends to help lay people grow in their understanding of themselves and to be more effective as men and women, both in the church and in their daily life in the world.

The Lay Person's Role

2.) The Council has a responsibility for helping lay people understand and fulfill their role in—and as—the church. Of course, we have usually assumed that lay people belong to the church, and in this sense, are the church. At the same time, the idea lingers that somehow the church is something or someone else than the lay people. A statement distributed by one church organization says, in effect, that "the church" should stay out of political, social, and economic questions because these belong to the "laymen." The statement probably intends to say that "the clergy" should stay out of these questions. Today, however, we insist that the church is "the whole people of God," encompassing both the ordained ministers and pastors and laymen and laywomen.

This means that lay people have important responsibilities in the church. They are to take part in the decisions that shape the life and work of the local congregation, as well as the larger structures of the church. They are to carry on its ministries of teaching, of support, of giving comfort, guidance, and healing to one another, of maintaining its life of public worship. They are not simply to be the pastor's helpers; nor are they free to burden him with all the ministries that the congregation feels important. They are to be ministers with him; and in a very important sense, they are called to minister to the pastor in his needs, just as he is called to minister to them in theirs.

In the light of this responsibility of lay people in and as the church, the Council—with other instrumentalities—is charged with the task of helping to enlist, prepare, and release lay people for their ministries in the church.

The Role in Mission

3.) The Council has responsibility for helping lay people understand and fulfill their life and calling as the church on mission in the world. This is, in some respects, the most important of the three points we are giving. We are now taking seriously the claim that every Christian is a missionary and a minister in the place where he works, lives and spends his life and leisure, with other people. This claim is made in the faith that God does not confine his work to what goes on within the church as an institution. He also is working in the patterns, structures, and situations, that make up the daily experience of lay people; and he calls them to participate in his work of creating a "new earth"—the world that He creates and redeems in love.

(to be concluded next issue)

Beware The Verbal Pitfall!

While on the road to a Southern Convention officers' meeting in Virginia I was introduced to a literary fault I had been living with and using for a long time. Reverend Rinker had put a question to us officers (Liz Fairbank, Linda Howard, Rick Kimball, and myself). It was in answer to a discussion on drinking and whether or not it is immoral.

One of us had said that it is immoral because we cannot keep our bodies as temples of God while under the influence. Reverend Rinker was quick to reply, "What do you mean by the 'temple of God'?" He then brought out the point that too often we depend on accepted phrases without stopping to analyze them.

Looking back at my own articles that have been in the youth page along with other material concerning Christianity I found a large, too large, number of the "well worn" cliches. The harm of this is that the questions treated in the articles were approached by questionable phrases just as vague as the question.

But words written are won to the wind and one may only apologize for such a literary error, promise to try to avoid it in the future, and make his meager amends. So I will!

Too often in our everyday conversation we find ourselves using these questionable comments in answer to questions. Then if we continue in such a usage we are apparently accomplishing very little in the way of understanding.

What is faith? It has been used extensively in many conferences, articles, and personal discussions. **Webster's** defines it simply as: "belief; trust in the honesty and truth of another." But what is it really? What is belief? What is trust? Until we can understand the word we are cheating ourselves when we use it. We are relying on word "crutches" instead of standing alone.

Of course, in writing we must try to keep the work concise rather than superfluous. This may be permissable if the words are understood or explained.

The trouble with expressing one's thoughts and understandings is that we are confined to only twenty-six letters in the alphabet!

Noel Allen

St. Mark's Youth Fellowship

Programs for spring and summer at **St. Mark's Reformed United Church of Christ, Burlington,** have been worked out by the young people and adults and promise interesting and helpful presentations. Some of the titles are: **Don't Lose Your Freedom To An Extremist; Innocent Until?** (a play); **A Christian Interpretation of Sex; Saints Alive!; Who Is A Criminal?; Promise and Skepticism; God's Work In The World Revolution; Communion In Action; Are Rewards The Answer?;** and a Parent-Youth Night in September.

There is also a junior group with equally-appealing topics: **Let's Look At A City; Meet Some Reforms; What Is An Offering?; Where Is Heaven?;** and **Forerunner.** Recreation and social chairmen share in programs each week.

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The Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship of the **First Christian Church (UCC), Burlington,** served with the minister on March 24 at a special Lenten Service based on the topic **Salty Christians.** Pastor of the church is Dr. Robert M. Kimball.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

N. C. & Va. Conference Meeting

On Sunday, March 21, the officers of the North Carolina-Virginia Conference Pilgrim Fellowship met in Greensboro, N. C., to set basic plans for their up-coming spring rally. The date of the rally was tentatively set for the weekend of May 8-9.

The spring rally is to be held at Camp Moonelon. Registration will begin at 2:00 o'clock on Saturday. The business meeting for the rally will be held on Sunday at 2:30.

The theme for the rally is "The Highness in Low Places." Discussion groups at the rally will analyze a poem on the theme to obtain a greater understanding of God's relationship to us.

On the agenda for the business meeting on Sunday is the election of the conference officers for 1965-1966. A very interesting speaker is being lined up for the program.

The N. C.-Va. Conference officers hope that there will be a very large turnout for this next rally. It promises to be a very worthwhile experience from the viewpoints of faith, action, and fellowship.

BE THERE! (Please)

Visit To Greensboro P. F.

North Carolina-Virginia Conference president Gerry Oxford, vice-president Harold Pollard, and Southern Convention P. F. vice-president Noel Allen paid a visit to the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Greensboro United Church of Christ on Sunday, March 21, 1965.

The Greensboro group had invited the visitation group to present a program on programs. First Gerry Oxford introduced Harold Pollard who spoke on methods of presenting interesting and educational programs. Some of the method ideas he brought out were: panel, buzz groups, triads, play identification, play reading or writing, symposiums, and role playing.

Next Gerry listed and explained several program resources including films, speakers, and resources within the fellowship. He explained that many people in the fellowship know interesting people who would be more than willing to give a program on their occupation or hobby or travels.

Finally Noel spoke on planning a program. He said that a program should be chosen from the group's interests, local problems, national troubles, international crises, and different relationships with God. (For example: God and nature, God and science) He also pointed out that the Southern Convention Office is a wonderful resource for program materials such as filmstrips and slides. Speaking briefly on the Convention level he urged the Greensboro P.F.'ers to send in contributions to Project "Icebreaker" and their apportionment.

Gerry Oxford concluded with a brief summary.

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Youth groups in the Burlington area met at the **Beverly Hills United Church of Christ, Burlington,** on March 21, to hear **Miss Angie Crew,** missionary to Japan.

Judas And His Problem

Involvement with Christ and His Followers (the church) should enhance or make abundant one's life but to Judas this experience became an aggravation. The aggravation led to betrayal. So his problem is both historical and contemporary — an aggravated follower of Christ. Why did Judas become aggravated?

He was a traditionalist and change was hard to accept. Tradition taught that the Messiah would be a revolutionary figure (physically) restoring Israel to her former glory. The startling announcement by the leader that it was to be a spiritual kingdom was too much for this unchangeable mind. Today many, many church people feel aggravation instead of abundance because they cannot accept change. Aggravation is dangerous because it can so easily lead to betrayal.

He had a low disappointment level and to realize his dreams of Israel and self could never be fulfilled was disappointing to say the least. Somewhere in Judas' background someone failed to teach him that disappointment is a necessary ingredient for maturity. Why are people thrown by disappointment? Most of us expect too much of self and life. After all life is given with no guarantees, yet we write in all kinds of expectations such as a long, healthy existence with perfect offsprings. Disappointment is the governor that checks our pride and brings us back into the humble condition that a creature under God must accept or be doomed. Disappointment can easily lead to aggravation and betrayal.

He was spiritually out of tune with Christ and his interest. Why then did he hang around? He liked the group. It had become a habit with him. He gained a certain amount of recognition by keeping the money and he felt better for this involvement. You see, he had guilt and this type of experience with a good cause gave some relief. "Who knows," he reasoned, "someday he may have to point out to God all this work he did down on earth." So Judas hung around out of tune and the experience became an aggravation that lead to betrayal.

Judas was more ordinary then biblical history reveals. There are more Judases today then answer to the name. It is easy, in fact, to become aggravated in ones involvement and to betray the interest of Christ and His Church.

But hear this! There is no future in aggravation and betrayal of the interest God has revealed through Christ and His Church. Judas fell on his sword. "He came that we may have life and have it more abundantly" John 10:10. Church involvement should be a pleasure not an aggravation. If not, why not?

(Sermon preached at the First United Church of Christ, Hampton, Va., March 21, 1965 by Rev. Carl Wallace)

NEW ADDRESS FOR THE LESTERS

Dr. F. C. Lester, pastor of First Congregational Christian Church of High Point (UCC) and formerly editor of **The Christian Sun,** and his wife Emily Lester, Regional Secretary for the Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ, have moved to **1113 North Rotary Drive,** High Point, N. C. This will also be the address for the church.

The Lesters are planning to be "at home" Sunday, April 4 (3:00-5:00) so that church friends in the area can see **Miss Angie Crew.** All interested folks are invited to visit them at that time.

Music In Worship

Music is a spiritual art. It transcends language and reason; it sublimates humanity. It probes the depths of human emotions and ennobles the soul. It is as old as man himself, fulfilling his need for spiritual expression beyond himself. It is beautiful and ugly, proud and humble, simple and complex, but above all it is human, giving man a key to the eternal conflict between his humanity and his divinity.

Just as music is as old as man himself, so is the music of the church as old as the church itself. Our heritage of Christian church music has its roots deep in the liturgy of Solomon's temple. It has been nurtured throughout history by the world's greatest composers, who have applied their supreme efforts toward masterpieces of Christian musical art that will endure through time.

Music in the church has a multi-fold purpose: to create and enhance an atmosphere of worship at the services of the church; to elevate the corporate spirit in worship beyond the limitations of the other arts; to provide opportunities for service in church choirs, giving amateur singers a chance to participate in a great spiritual expression; to train future church musicians, and to bring to the church and the community the world's finest music, both past and present. Continuous efforts must be made to search out and introduce music worthy of use in sacred worship.

The church provides an opportunity for any member to sing in one of the choirs, without respect to age or previous musical training. The choir is usually composed of non-auditioned amateur singers.

Music and religion are inseparable. By participating in and supporting the musical program you are helping to build a firm foundation for your church.

—R. Horn and Mrs. Arthur Davis. From Diamond Bar News

EASTERN VIRGINIA WORKERS' TRAINING CONFERENCE

On Tuesday, March 23, administrators and teachers from several of the Eastern Virginia church schools met at the Christian Temple for their monthly leadership training conference. These meetings furnish specialized training for teachers in all departments of the educational mission. This particular conference centered around the theme **A Demonstration of Basic Principles in Teaching.** Time was provided for departmental discussion. Christian education workers are urged to participate in this excellent program for growth.

GUEST SPEAKERS AT PALM STREET

Rev. Richard N. Rinker, North Carolina Field Secretary for the Southern Convention, will be the guest minister of **Palm Street United Church of Christ** on Sunday, March 28th, at 11:00 A. M. Rev. and Mrs. John Schofield will move to Greensboro and begin their work with the Palm Street Church as of the first Sunday in April.

Rev. Thomas Madren has been the speaker for the Sunday evening services during most of the month of March.

Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent Clyde Fields, and Rev. Richard Rinker have been supply ministers during March.

FINANCIAL REPORT

THE EASTERN VIRGINIA FELLOWSHIP OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN WOMEN

SECOND QUARTER, 1964-65, ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1965

CHURCH	APP
Antioch	15.00
Berea Nanse.	25.00
Bethlehem Nanse.	115.00
Bethlehem Disp.	5.00
Bayview	125.00
Central	20.00
Christian Temple	125.00
Cypress Chapel	55.00
Damascus	25.00
Dendron	10.00
Eure	16.75
Franklin	125.00
First Portsmouth	25.00
Great Bridge	50.00
Holland	45.00
Holy Neck	50.00
Hopewell	12.50
Hunterdale	62.50
Isle of Wight	20.00
Liberty Spring	64.13
Little Creek	10.00
Lynnhaven Colony	25.00
Mt. Carmel	27.50
Mt. Zion	10.00
Newport News	75.00
Oak Grove	9.60
Oakland	40.00
Pembroke Manor	10.00
Prince George	10.00
First Richmond	18.75
South Norfolk	75.00
Shelton Memorial	20.00
Spring Hill	25.00
Suffolk	250.00
Wakefield	9.20
Warwick	20.00
Waverly	15.00
Windsor	40.00
Rosemont	90.00
TOTAL	$1770.93

JUNIORS	
Bethlehem (N)	$ 5.00
Dendron	4.25
Eure	1.35
Franklin	4.00
Holy Neck	5.00
Liberty Spring	6.85
TOTAL	$26.45

CRADLE ROLL	
Eure	1.35
Franklin	2.00
Mt. Carmel	5.00
Oakland	15.62
TOTAL	$23.97

PRIMARY	
Franklin	4.00
TOTAL	$4.00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP & MEMORIALS	
Richmond First	20.00
Suffolk	20.00
TOTAL	$40.00

RECEIPTS

Balance brought forward		$ 82.26
Apportionment	$1770.93	
Life Memb. & Memorials	40.00	
Juniors	26.45	
Cradle Roll	23.97	
Primary	4.00	
Rally Offerings	295.79	
		$2161.14
TOTAL		$2243.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Mrs. Ernest H. Bowie — United Church Women	$ 100.00
Postmaster Suffolk — stamped env.	6.00
R. F. Stewart & Sons — Quarterly report blanks	5.46
Mrs. Bill Simmons — postage, phone calls etc.	15.32
Mrs. W. B. Williams—Conv. Treas.	2061.14
TOTAL	$2187.92

Receipts	$2243.40
Disbursements	2187.92
Balance	$ 55.48

Mission Sunday — Richmond First

The Reverend James Hankins, missionary to Liberia, was guest speaker for the March 21 morning worship service at **First Congregational Christian Church in Richmond.** His message was titled "And Lazarus." He also presented slides for the church school that same morning; they included looks at medical and industrial work in Africa as well as life among the people.

Mr. Hankins is a native of Virginia and a graduate of Asbury College and Emory University. At present he is serving as Chairman of Ganta Mission. Following the morning worship service, a coffee fellowship provided time for members and friends of the church to meet their guest.

Greensboro Area Training School Plans Underway — 1966

The committee for evaluating the 1965 Greensboro Area Training School met on March 7 to discuss and plan. The 1966 GATS is scheduled to be held early in February. So far the following leaders and courses have been set up:

Mission—The Christian's Calling	Rev. Percel O. Alston
Bible Study	Rev. G. Melvin Palmer
Music In The Church	Mr. Don Trexler

Courses are being planned for teaching in the several age groups with CEA leadership.

1965 LENTEN PROJECT

Milk & Clothing Appeals

The Southern Convention Mission Board urges participation in the clothing and milk appeals during Lent. Many churches, church school classes, Women's Fellowships, Churchmen's Fellowships have already responded. Perhaps you are at work with your group now on this project.

People still need our used clothing. Have a used clothing drive in your church or group and take the clothes gathered to a collection point where Church World Service trucks will pick up same.

Children around the world need milk. The surplus supply of our government has been used up. Church World Service seeks to provide powdered milk for undernourished children in many countries. Remember, $3.00 will provide one cup of milk per day for a full year for one child. Please send funds for milk for needy children to the Southern Convention Office, marked, "Lenten Milk Appeal."

BEREA U.C.C. RENOVATION UNDERWAY

The Berea United Church of Christ, near Ossippee, N. C., has undergone extensive renovation recently. A new floor, new pews, new lighting system, new cathedral type lighting fixtures, and other improvements have made the Berea Church a more beautiful and worshipful sanctuary. Dr. Ferris Reynolds is pastor of the Berea Church.

The readers of THE CHRISTIAN SUN congratulate the Berea Church on this fine program of improvement.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

FOUNDERS' DAY SPEAKER

Dr. Ruben H. Hueneman

Speaking at Elon College's annual Founders Day convocation, Thursday, March 11, Dr. Ruben H. Hueneman, president of the United Theological Seminary in Minnesota, discussed the mission of the Christian church in the present troubled world and told his hearers that if the church fails to practice its profession, other agencies may be pressed into service in meeting the world's problems.

While proclaiming that the church preaches a gospel of freedom, he said that it develops man's capacity to achieve in a setting of mutual responsibility, seeking to establish a purposeful and living fellowship. In this connection, he declared that "no man is merely an island, and he can exist only as he is aware of himself and of his neighbor as self."

Pointing out that Christian principles in themselves are not enough, he told his Founders Day audience that the Gospel finds expression in Christian love, which recognizes one's neighbor as a person and which recognizes the importance of forgiveness in restoring world order. He further described the Gospel as an assurance that God is at work in the world rather than a mere statement that all will automatically be well in the world.

The address, delivered as Elon College observed the exact 76th anniversary of its charter by the North Carolina General Assembly, called attention to the greater responsibility of Elon and other privately-endowed and church-related colleges in providing educated leadership for the church as it confronts the unrest and strife prevailing in the world today.

The speaker was introduced by Dr. J. E. Danieley, president of Elon College, who also presided over the 11 o'clock gathering in Whitley Memorial Auditorium. Dr. Danieley described the guest speaker as one of the outstanding theological and educational leaders of the United Church of Christ, the denomination under whose auspices Elon College operates.

President Danieley also commented briefly on the significance of this Founders Day observance to the college, paying tribute as it does to the leaders of the Southern Convention of the Christian Church, who pushed a dream to realization when they founded Elon College as a church-sponsored institution in 1889.

A special feature of the program was the recognition by Dr. Danieley of Mrs. W. P. Lawrence, of Elon College, who observed her own 93rd birthday on March 11 and who graduated from Elon College with the Class of 1893, barely four years after the college's charter was granted and three years after it opened its doors to students. Her husband, the late Dr. W. P. Lawrence, was himself an early graduate of the college and was for many years a member of Elon's faculty, and head of the English Department. Mrs. Lawrence recalls that she was present for the laying of the cornerstone of Elon's first building in the summer of 1889.

Others participating in the Founders Day program this morning included Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds and Prof. John S. Graves, both members of the Elon faculty, who had the prayer and invocation. Special music featured Prof. Wendell Bartholf as soloist and selections by the Elon Choir, with Dean Fletcher Moore as accompanist.

Founders' Day Prayer

March 11, 1965

Whitley Auditorium, Elon College

By Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds

Chairman of the Department of Philosophy and Religion

O God Eternal, before whose face the generations rise and pass away, we are gathered here to recognize anew a portion of thine inheritance in which we share by virtue of being a part of Elon College. More than three quarters of a century ago, a small band of men and women of rare vision, contagious faith and unwavering determination lay the foundations of this institution of higher learning. How true it is that others have labored and we have entered into their labors!

We are mindful of the great company of dedicated persons who have made large investments of time, money and other resources in order to develop the College and its program. Our memories are stirred by recollections of former teachers, students and alumni who have enriched the life of the campus and brought honor to the institution. In gratitude to thee, we remember the former presidents, deans and other administrative officers of the College by whose prophetic insight her future has been charted. Forbid that we should ever lose that sense of Divine Providence by which the destinies of people and institutions are directed.

Guard us, O God, against the folly of becoming so carried away by our own plans that we should forget thy purposes. Teach us that humility which ponders the wisdom of the ages. May it deliver us from a shortened perspective and a false sense of our own importance. Help us to strike a balance between honorable devotion to the glories of the past and a keen awareness of the demands of the future. Deliver us from unfounded fear of change and irrational sentiments which may hinder progress or dampen the spirit of adventure.

Hear us, O Lord, as we express our gratitude to thee for the men and women who have served and those who now serve on the Board of Trustees of the College—for their concerns, their sacrifices and labors of love. Wilt thou continue to provide persons of outstanding talent and devotion to plan for and guide the progress of our College. Keep them in a constant awareness of the importance of what they are doing in relation to the lives of young people who are even now dreaming of the day when they may enter college.

We make an earnest prayer of intercession in behalf of the President of the College, the Deans and other members of the administrative staff. Guide them by the urgings of thy spirit and protect their idealism against those destructive acids produced by hours of toil, repeated discouragements and frustrations.

Bless, we pray thee, each member of the College faculty, staff and student body. May this Founder's Day observance help us to achieve a lively sense of belonging to a special kind of community in which responsibilities and honors alike are shared by all.

May the finest ideals of Christian higher education be exalted and our dedication to the quest for truth be acceptable unto thee, O God. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

– From Micronesia –

"Party, "Tub," "Lovely," "Alcohol," "Inch," "Idea," "Seagull"

Our Ebeye Christian Elementary School began its Fall session in October, but instead of an English vocabulary list, the above group of words happens to be names lifted from our student rolls! Party, Tub, and the other five, however, represent only a small portion of their fellow students. To our amazement, 432 students appeared on registration day. ECES is operated by the Protestant Church on Ebeye in conjunction with our Mission of the United Church Board for World Ministries. It is a regular elementary day school—Kindergarten through eighth grade. Classes are held in the church and Sunday school buildings with half of the children studying in the morning and half in the afternoon.

Presently this school takes a major portion of our time, though we do have a fine staff of Marshallese teachers working with us. We are also grateful for three American ladies who come to Ebeye from the U. S. Army's missile base on Kwajalein Island three mornings a week to take classes in science, English and social studies. Though the government school on Ebeye is developing fast and we trust to be able to turn students over to them in the not-too-distant future, Christian parents in the Marshalls greatly favor the church-sponsored schools as the most desirable for their children. Our facilities are inadequate and materials limited, but still the students come.

From: The Rev. and Mrs. Elden M. Buck, Micronesia

– From The Philippines –

"...Christ's mission does make a difference...."

Here are a few of the bright stars that shine with Christmas hope:

There is the government worker who at first opposed the coming of a church sponsored agriculturalist into his area. But slowly and surely he was helped to grow closer to the people he was supposed to serve. As he did so the farmers began to have confidence in him also. Now he speaks with the missionary of "our" work in the villages and farms.

There is the Muslim farmer who is a participant in the Rural Life Program of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. His stewardship of soil and seed have made his cornfield a demonstration of good practices for Muslim and Christian alike in his community.

There is the young farmer who had lost one arm in an accident who is now the proud owner of a small flock of good laying hens, thanks to the efforts of the Rural Life worker. He is glad to repay six hatching eggs for each of his layers knowing that these too will be distributed to other needy farmers.

This list could go on and on and on. We cite these examples as signs that Christ's Mission does make a difference in large and small ways wherever his Spirit is at work.

The Rev. and Mrs. Armin Schmidt
Philippines

– From Japan –

"Many of the young people in Japan today have no religion."

This is my first Christmas letter from my new home in Japan. I say "new" yet I've been here since April, and it doesn't seem new any longer.

Shinonome, a Girls' School, was begun 78 years ago. It has grown from a small school to its present enrollment of 1,800 with about 800 girls in the Junior and 1,000 in the Senior High. My responsibility is teaching English in the 8th and 9th grades, and to two classes in the 11th grade. I meet my Junior High classes just once a week. The Senior High classes are electives and I have my own course. I meet them twice a week and have some of them in English Club.

Many of the young people in Japan today have no religion. They don't follow the former national religion, Shintoism; nor do they follow Buddhism. I was told that Christianity has more appeal than any other faith. This naturally doesn't mean that the youth will be coming into the church in masses, but it does mean that the church and Christian schools have an opportunity to confront our students with the "good news" through our daily worship services and the Sunday Church School; and through the relationship with Christian teachers in the classroom.

Jonan is our Christian Boys' School where I teach one day a week. It is a Senior High only. They just opened their new dormitory last term. This made it possible to permit more boys to live at the school rather than in a small room somewhere in the city and where they have to take care of getting their own meals. A number of the boys still live in rooms because their homes are too far away, and since the school dorm will not accomodate all who would like to live there. The school built what they thought they could carry financially, and even now are having a difficult time meeting their obligations.

We are at the end of the second term in this school year. I am enjoying my work here, and am grateful for you who have helped to make it possible for me to be here. This is a work we are doing together—you with your contributions to the Mission Board there, and I working in person here.

From: Miss Mabel H. Reiff, Matsuyama, Japan

– From Mexico –

"...for the work is the daily witness and testimony of those who have dedicated their lives to Christ."

Because of their proximity, Mexico and the United States have close ties, with a large interchange of visitors. One of our pleasures, therefore, is to welcome those of you who happen to pass through Mazatlan. Naturally you want to see the "work" of the mission, and here we have a problem. We have here no "mission stations" as in many lands. As missionaries, we live in rented homes in the midst of Mexican society. We are not the heads of institutions. We cannot show you the work, for the work is the daily witness and testimony of those who have dedicated their lives to Christ. We do gather several times weekly in the church for study and worship, and you will be given a warm welcome if you happen to be present on one of these occasions.

The Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Von Gruenigen
Mazatlan, Mexico

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

A Pancake Supper

March 15, 1965

Dear Friends:

We were certainly most happy to welcome to our campus last night (Tuesday, March 16) some 530 people. This was our annual Pancake Supper. This is the third year we have had the Dainty Biscuit Company to put on their Pancake Supper for our Home. The first two years, it was sponsored by the Alumni Association of the Home. This year the Alumni Association was joined by the Laymen's Fellowship of the Elon Community Church in the sponsorship.

At the writing of this letter, we had collected $584 with some individuals yet to check in with their sales. This will be divided equally between the Laymen's Fellowship and the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association will use their share to apply toward the swimming pool they built several years ago. The Laymen's Fellowship will use their share to count toward the remaining balance of the CHIP pledge of their church. We are certainly most grateful for the assistance that both of these groups gave us on these respective projects.

However, we think perhaps even more important than that is the fact that these two groups joined together in this sponsorship and brought to our campus over five-hundred people.

The Pancake Supper was held in Wisseman Cottage. Many of those who came to this Supper had never had the opportunity to see our new facility. Thus, the Supper served a two-fold purpose. While it gave us financial assistance on this project, it also gave opportunity for people to see our facilities. We are certainly most pleased and grateful for the response of people in regard to our capital improvement program.

You will remember that several weeks ago, we wrote about the Women's Fellowship of our Southern Pines Church helping us with funds to put furniture in Johnston Hall. Already we have had several individuals to respond with contributions to add to the amount they have given for this improvement.

We are certainly grateful to all the fine people in our churches who support us in such a way.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein Snyder, Superintendent

REPORT FOR MARCH 15, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	**$314.85**
Western North Carolina Conference	**5.00**
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	**53.00**
Total	**$372.85**
Special Offerings	
Chaplin Cong. Church Women's Fellowship, Chaplin, Conn.	**5.00**
Lyndon Ladies Aid, Lyndon, Vermont	**2.00**
Wilton Cong. Church, Women's Fellowship, Wilton, Conn.	**25.00**
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Newton, Pomona City, Fla.	**5.00**
Mrs. Robert Emerson, Connecticut	**1.00**
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. Ora Brown	
In Memory of Mr. R. Mitchell Bradner	
In Memory of Miss Emma Harris	
In Memory of Mr. Walter N. Pond	
In Memory of Mr. F. W. Cobb	
In Memory of Mr. Paul Thomas	
Total Memorial Gifts	**32.00**
Special Offerings	**3.52**
Total	**73.52**
Total for the Week	**446.37**

Asheboro District Women Meet

The Asheboro District Rally of the North Carolina Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women (UCC) was held Saturday, March 13, at **Pleasant Grove Christian Church.** Registrations began at 9:30. The business session was presided over by District Chairman, Mrs. Jimmy J. Norred; Mrs. Norred also led the morning worship service; her theme was **A Mind To Work.**

The speaker for the morning, **Mrs. Robert Kimball,** President of the Southern Convention Women's Fellowship, presented a six-point consideration of Six Measurements: Fellowship, Worship, Giving, Study, Service, and Witness.

The afternoon speaker, **Miss Angie Crew,** addressed the group on **Consecrated Tongue.** She told of methods used to teach Japanese girls the English language. Drama, according to Miss Crew, is one of the methods used in teaching, along with actions, objects and pictures. She also stressed the importance of **using ways of love for all people,** learning the way of love as we who are Christians come to know each other better.

The **new District officers** will be Mrs. Jimmy J. Norred (District Chairman), Mrs. Troy Hall (Assistant District Chairman), Miss Velma Allen (Secretary & Treasurer), Mrs. Marshall Troutman (Assistant Secretary and Treasurer). The dedication service for the new officers was given by Mrs. L. T. Wilkins.

Church Center For The U. N.

The Church Center for the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, N. Y. 10017, is the center for cooperative interdenominational education programs on the UN and world peace. Hundreds of letters, most of them from genuinely interested and some revealing ignorance and frustration, are coming to the **UN Question Box** at the Church Center for the United Nations. And they are getting the factual answers from an expert, the **Rev. Dr. Katharine McElroy Kent,** a minister of the United Church of Christ.

This new service is available to anyone writing in for information. According to Dr. Kent, "The answers will seek always to reflect a Christian concern for the world and to bring Christian ethical considerations to the fore in discussing international problems."

WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL DO? . . .

First, it works constantly to make Christians more aware of the central unity of their faith. It aids Christians to direct their faith into channels of action...

LET'S GO TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY!!

By Max Vestal

Preachers are notoriously fussy about church attendance. It does our ego good to preach to large crowds and receive numerous compliments.

Most of you would rightly reject this as an inadequate reason for regular church attendance. Isn't it true, however, that there are some pretty good reasons for worshipping regularly?

First, we have the example of Jesus. He went "as his custom was" to the synagogue.

Second, regular worship gives us renewed strength. Perhaps we could find a parallel in eating. We might eat one tremendous meal, once a month. But it would not sustain us day by day. How many of us are suffering from spiritual malnutrition because we don't worship often enough?

Third, our children need regular church school attendance if they are to receive adequate religious training. If your child missed half or more of the public school sessions, would you be surprised if he didn't learn what he should?

And then, there's the matter of example—not that we would go to church to show off—but the simple and powerful witness of your family, piling into the car each Sunday morning and saying, louder than words, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

And too, there's the matter of habit. Jesus had developed the habit of synagogue attendance. A family that develops this habit doesn't have to ask, each Sunday, "Do you suppose we ought to go to church today?" The matter is already decided—unless some unexpected illness or catastrophe occurs.

Finally, worship draws you into the fellowship of those people who are concerned—really concerned with the meaning of life, the promotion of the highest and best in the community, the seeking for truth and beauty, freedom and justice.

These seem to me to be good and real reasons for regular church attendance. And if your presence happens to please the minister and make him feel good, what's so bad about that? After all, even preachers are human—almost!

ON THE EDGE

The theme **Personalities of the Passion** will be carried on for Sunday morning worship services during Lent at **Beulah United Church of Christ in Lexington.** Pastor of the church is Rev. H. J. Meier.

For three consecutive Sunday evenings, the Women's Fellowship of the **Elon College Community Church (UCC)** will be sponsoring Bible Study based on **The Salty Christians,** by Hans-Reudi Weber. Leaders will be Rev. John Graves, Rev. H. P. Bozarth, and Dr. W. W. Sloan.

Guest speaker for the Churchmen's Fellowship at **Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro,** March 22, was Special F. B. I. Agent G. D. Fierson.

A meeting sponsored by the Senior Board of Deacons at the **Rosemont Christian Church (UCC), Chesapeake,** on March 25, was centered around the concern **Wills and Legal Affairs.** A Virginia National Bank representative spoke to men and women present.

During the month of April, the morning worship services at **First Congregational Christian Church in Albemarle** will be broadcast over radio station WZKY. Minister of the church is Rev. J. Everette Neese.

The Senior Pilgrim Youth Fellowship at **Wake Chapel Christian Church (UCC),** studied **Other Religious Groups** at their March 21 meeting. The discussion was led by Carol Holleman and Johnny Smith.

Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ warmly welcomed their new pastor, Rev. Odell Powell, on March 7. Mr. Powell came to the church from serving Palm Street Church in Greensboro.

Christmas Cards For India

Preparation of Cards

Discard all cards illustrated with Santa Claus pictures, all comic cards, and those showing overladen dining tables or glamorous living. Cut a four page folder-type of used card across the top edge or down the middle thus making a two page fold card with a picture on the front and the back page blank. This blank page will be used to inscribe a scripture verse in the native language. There must be no handwriting on the card. Chlorox is a good ink eradicator. Try to make the cards look like new.

Shipping Instructions

Do not send by Parcel Post. Show no valuation. Weight limit is six pounds nine ounces. Recipient's name and address should be placed inside and outside package. No customs, declaration tags, or labels are required. Mark all packages PRINTED MATTER. Do not seal. Sender's name and address should also be placed inside and outside package.

Use Printed Matter Postal Rates

5c for first two ounces; 3c for each additional two ounces. (26c postage will send one pound.)

Mail To:

Miss Bertha K. Smith, Westfield Cottage, Queens Hill, Kotagiri, Nilgiri Hills, South India; or, Miss Ruth Hofsteter, Tilda, Raipur District, Neora P. O., Madhya Pradesh, India.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Strawberry Shoes and Chocolate Grasshoppers

It has been noticed that small problems reflect attitudes toward the church as these problems occur in the church family. Large problems, more often than not, reflect basic ignorance or shallowness. People, for some unknown reason, leave the fellowship of the church because of the small problems. They fight over the big ones, or ignore them, and remain uncomfortably within the community of faith.

Our church at East Burlap has sought to resolve some of the problems associated with people relating to people. Recognizing that the big and little problems are connected, and that frustrations need to be relieved, the Board of Deacons at East Burlap is sponsoring a highly significant event. It is a Lenten gift exchange. Each person in the church draws the name of some other person. It is to this person that a gift is to be given. It is supposed to be particularly relevant to the individual's church life. The remarkable possibilities for problem-pointing-out and frustration-removal can be seen in the early results of this Lenten gift exchange. Keep in mind that the givers remain anonymous.

Probably most impressive of the gifts noted to date are those received by the minister of the church. He found a pair of attractively gift-wrapped strawberry-flavored shoes to be his present. More and more he seems to have been putting his foot in his mouth.

Several dozen members were delighted to get wooden nickels as gifts. These out-of-circulation commemorative pieces were restored especially for this Lenten project. Surprisingly, the Sunday morning offerings have since become much quieter.

Two of the members of the Finance Committee received almost identical scissors in the shapes of crosses. These will be ideal for religiously cutting the church budget. The only apparent difference between the two is the inscription (at extra cost no doubt) on one which reads, "His office let another take - Acts 1:20".

A popular gift for Sunday School teachers was the Instant Sunday School Lesson. This latest development in teaching tools requires only dedication. A second kind of present was received by several of the teachers - sets of Bible-verse flashcards.

Replacing chocolate bunnies and eggs (which are not really biblical), were chocolate-covered grasshoppers and locusts (rf. Leviticus 11:21-22) available in gift-wrapping and in several different sizes. In addition to the nutritional value (75% protein, 3.25% fats, 7.5% carbohydrates; and 1.75 milligrams riboflavin, 7.5 milligrams nicotinic acid in each 100 grams), this gift is rich in symbolism.

At first glance, the impact of such a gift exchange might not be readily apparent. It represents a satisfying approach to problems usually unmentionable in Christian circles. Take, for example, another present received by a man and his wife at East Burlap during this Lenten project. They got an alarm clock. Now instead of being five minutes late every Sunday morning, they go on time to another church. At least problems are brought to the attention of those responsible for them or for frustrations related to them.

Following evaluation meetings on this Lenten gift exchange, the East Burlap church will again have this project next year, with one alteration. The minister will have extra funds so he can give a special gift to each of his members.

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MOONELON PREVIEW

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— A SIGNIFICANT MINISTRY —

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

/KJ

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

/RSV

Three days later, they found him—in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All those who heard him were astonished at his powers of comprehension and at the answers he gave.

/Phillips

Regardless of the form it takes, a ministry to youth must be willing to allow for questions expressing doubt and seeking information. Those carrying out the ministry must be able to hear what young people are saying.

The camp and conference ministry, a part of the youth ministry, is planned to provide answers, listen to doubts, and hear what young people have to say. This is a two-way experience for all concerned as they grow together: a dialogue between the whole camp community and God. Two-way, too, between adult-adult, adult-youth, and youth-youth, as they meet each other and share in their understanding and searches.

The camp/conference program should stimulate and nurture physical, intellectual and spiritual growth. It should help individuals become more mature in their associations with God, develop wholesome relationships with each other, and encourage them to recognize the wholeness of life centered in one's faith in God.

There will always be a tremendous need for adults who are willing to give of themselves to this task of responding and hearing. People who are, themselves, willing to grow through doubting, searching, expressing their ideas, and listening to the ideas of others. The rewards for such service include richer and deeper faith; more certain awareness of life's wonder; and increasing abilities to live up to Christ's invitation to be his witnesses.

Facility Developments At Moonelon

The Board of Managers of Moonelon Center, at their March 2 meeting, acted to continue in the development of facilities both for camp/conference purposes and for the use of church groups making use of the Center apart from the regular summer program. The Executive Board of the Southern Convention, at the March 23-24 meeting of the group, voted approval of the following items:

THE REC-NIC FACILITY. In the development of the area surrounding the lake, the old wooden shelter used by many groups as a picnic center has been razed. Plans for a new facility to replace this wornout structure are now being made with the hope that such a facility, THE REC-NIC BUILDING, can be built and put into operation before summer. The Women's Fellowship of the Southern Convention will have this project presented to them in April as a possible 1965-66 emphasis for their Life Membership and Memorial gifts. It will be recommended by the Women's Fellowship Executive Board and has been approved by the Executive Board of the Southern Convention.

The Rec-Nic Building will be a multiple-purpose facility. It will provide a sheltered area larger than the former one at the lakeside. In addition, it will have toilet facilities and shower-rooms for groups using the swimming pool and picnic facilities. During camps and conferences it will serve as a recreation and small group meeting center. Present indications are that this facility will be located in the area formerly occupied by the volleyball court above the pool.

IMPROVED LIGHTING. There will be at least four mercury lights installed on the grounds to provide permanent lighting at points requiring such illumination: girls' cabin area, boys' cabin area, mid-grounds, and near the pool and new Rec-nic facility. These lights will be automatically controlled to turn on at sunset and off at sunrise. They will be supplemented by various banks of spotlights around the buildings and on the grounds.

CABIN HEATING UNITS. With funds now being gathered in the 1964-65 Pilgrim Fellowship project, OPERATION: ICEBREAKER, heaters will be installed in units of the girls' and boys' cabins to make it possible to comfortably use the Center during spring and fall. The specifications for this permanent heat have not been determined as yet; they will be either gas or electric, thermostatically-controlled. The Dining Hall already has heat available and, with cabins heated, more groups will find the Center usable for fall and spring planning and training sessions.

LAKE DEVELOPMENT. The funds for the Lake development are secured and work has been progressing in dribbles between rains. Included in this work will be terracing to cut down on erosion and drainage into the lake area from the hillside above, and to add to the attractiveness of the Center. Two present retaining walls (near the old picnic shed and just below the Lodge) will be built up and fill from the Lake will be used to bring the ground behind the walls up to their level.

The Lake itself will be dug according to specifications in keeping with conservation practices recommended by the government. This will give some assurance that stagnation, insect-problems and general unpleasantness will not develop once the lake is completed. It will also make it possible to stock the Lake with fish. The ground area around the Lake, to a depth of ten or twelve feet, will be smoothed and prepared for grass. Necessary reinforcement at the dam will be given. Spillway space at the upper side and diversion ditches will further protect the site.

INCREASED USABILITY. These, and other developments being considered, will make Moonelon Center an attractive and worshipful resource for use by church groups. More and more such groups are discovering the fine possibilities for their meetings and retreats. You are invited to make inquiries about available dates and rates for eating and sleeping at the Center.

The Moonelon Story

Moonelon Conference Center, located near Elon College, North Carolina, has been of invaluable service to youth and adults of our Southern Convention Churches. Some 350-400 young people spend a week at Moonelon each summer in a program of Christian Education in a Conference Center setting. College age young people and adults meet at Moonelon for various types of assembly. The swimming classes for little children are held annually by Coach Bill Miller of Elon College.

What would the Southern Convention be without Moonelon Conference Center? The following bits of history indicate the growing service rendered by Moonelon Conference Center and the deep appreciation felt by all of us.

1951—17 acres of land, including lake, swimming pool, house complete with water and electric service, and access road, was donated to the Southern Convention by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sellers of Burlington, North Carolina.

1952—The development of Moonelon into a Conference Center and camp was assumed as a project of the Laymen's Fellowship of the Southern Convention. The property was surveyed, the access road improved, work days held, and four acres of land added to the project.

1954—Ground was broken, footings poured and construction started on the main building. The parking lot was graded, the house was renovated, and a part-time resident manager was employed.

1955—$35,000 was borrowed to cover completion of main building and two cabin dormitories to accommodate 32 people each. The Laymen's Fellowship assumed responsibility for raising the $35,000.

1955—Sellers Hall, Scott and Robinson Dormitories were completed and consecrated to the furtherance of Christian Education in the Southern Convention. The names of the buildings indicate appreciation to the donors, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sellers, and appreciation to two men prominent in the development of the Moonelon Conference Center, namely, Dr. W. T. Scott, Sr., and Dr. Henry E. Robinson.

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

1958—The Crash Campaign for retirement of capital indebtedness was initiated by the Laymen's Fellowship. Cary Powell, Jr., Richard King, and T. N. Daughtry were named as the Crash Campaign Committee. John R. Foster was named as Treasurer of the Crash Campaign Committee. The Laymen's Fellowship are to be commended for good work done in this connection.

1960—Filter system added and improvements made to the swimming pool. The Convention Board of Christian Education borrowed $10,000 to complete this project. The Board of Christian Education has completed payment of this project and has been responsible for the supervision of the program. Much credit is due the Board of Christian Education and Rev. John Graves, Rev. Robert Knowles, and Rev. Richard Rinker, who have served as staff persons responsible for Christian Education and the Moonelon program. Much credit is also due Rev. and Mrs. Guy Veazey for work done over and above the call of duty as resident manager and family.

1963—New beds and mattresses were provided as a project of the Southern Convention Women's Fellowship. Over $2500 was spent by the Women's Fellowship on this project.

1964—a dish washer, a milk cooler, and other kitchen equipment were added as projects of the Southern Convention Women's Fellowship. Over $2,000 was spent on these items.

Moonelon stands deeply indebted to the Women's Fellowship and the Churchmen's Fellowship for their continued interest in the Moonelon program.

1964-65—Over $3,000 was raised by the Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship for the Remake-A-Lake project. The old lake was drained and now plans are underway to rebuild the lake with better drainage and terracing provided.

1965—Moonelon Conference Center is in process of incorporation, so as to serve more effectively the Southern Convention and the Southern Conference. A Board of Managers consisting of 13 members has been elected. Rev. Richard Petersen is Chairman.

Clyde L. Fields
Superintendent

FRANKLIN CHURCH RECEIVES LETTER OF APPRECIATION

THE CHRISTIAN NEWSLETTER from the Congregational Christian Church, Franklin, Virginia, edited by Rev. St. Elmo Nauman, Jr., pastor, in its March issue, carried a testimonial excerpt from a letter received from Rev. Herbert G. Council, Jr. Mr. Councill is pastor of the United Church of Christ in Warsaw, New York, grew up in the Franklin Church in Franklin, Va., and entered the Christian Ministry as a son of the Franklin Church. Mr. Councill gives the following testimonial:

"I will be forever grateful for the Christian nurture received in the Franklin Church during my boyhood and teenage years."

Mr. Councill also lists a number of ministers, teachers, and other lay Christians in the Franklin Church as having had a tremendous influence in his Christian life and decision to enter the Christian ministry.

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Introducing The Council For Lay Life And Work

of the United Church of Christ

By John L. Casteel

This is the second part of a two-part article begun in last week's issue. It seeks to clarify the image of the UCC Council for Lay Life and Work.

Into The Daily World

This faith declares, therefore, that the place where laymen and laywomen find themselves in the world is the most important place where they are called to fulfill God's will for them. But as yet, we do not know clearly all that this statement means. Until lay people themselves have an opportunity to speak in (or to?) the church about the experience they have in the world—what they feel, and undergo, the problems they meet, their needs as well as their successes and joys—we will not be able to understand fully what God is doing in their world or what He now calls them to do.

The Council has the task, therefore, of venturing into the daily world where people live, of finding ways to listen to their account of what they experience there, and of working with them to see what their Christian faith means within that experience. In the language of the sociologists, we must try to find "models"—patterns of doing things, of organizing ourselves, of speaking together, of going about our life and work—that can suggest to lay people ways in which they can fulfill their calling to be the church in the world. This responsibility requires that the Council, in conjunction with other instrumentalities, give much of its time, thought, and effort to the discovery, or creation, or support of experiments and ventures that can show us how that calling can be realized.

These three points of responsibility for the Council provide a framework for some further description of the way the Council goes about its work. This description might apply not only to the National Council and to its Staff, but also to the way Conference Commissions, Association Commissions, or local Committees may carry on their task. Four points can be made:

Creative Programs

1.) The Council helps lay people create their own programs. It does not try to come to them with a program of study and action neatly prepared and ready to be taken over and used, although it does recognize the need for providing useful program materials and guides. Its main task, however, is to help lay people study their own needs and concerns, to design ways of dealing with these concerns, to gather resources of material and of leadership, and to prepare them with new competences and insights for carrying on their own Lay Life and Work program.

Learning Experiences

2.) The Council works through events that can give helpful learning experience. Conferences, training institutes and workshops, and similar events provide the means through which lay people can learn how to undertake their own courses of study and action. Every event of this kind deals with (a) the content—the subject matter being studied and discussed; and (b) the process—the way we are going about our study and discussion. A helpful learning experience will give those who take part a chance to gain something at both levels.

Guidance

3.) The Council works with Conference Commissions for Lay Life and Work as the primary point of contact. Obviously, the national staff cannot serve all the requests for help that might come from local congregations. Our best use of our resources is to help Conference Commissions in the kind of ways that will enable them, in turn, to give help to Association Commissions and local committees in the working out of their programs.

New Ventures

4.) All Lay Life and Work Commissions and Committees are called to work with the National Council and Staff in undertaking creative experiments and ventures. It is very important that all of us take the initiative, whenever we have opportunity, in creating our own program, trying it out, learning as much as we can by our experience, and reporting the outcome through the National Office to one another for our mutual instruction and encouragement. In this sense, the question, "What is a Lay Life and Work Commission or Committee to do?" must be answered by saying, "Whatever you see in your situation that needs doing, as your responsibility to be the church in the world, working with God." Then—let the rest of us know what you tried, what you achieved, where you failed, and what you learned from your experience. At the moment any of us make that kind of venture we are the Lay Life and Work movement in the church and in the world.

This is the Council for Lay Life and Work—and the whole Lay Life and Work Movement—in the United Church of Christ at the point where we now find ourselves. We do not expect this statement to be permanently accurate as a description of the Council or the Movement. Indeed, it might well be a cause for disappointment, if not alarm, if it were still adequate five years from now. For the present, however, let us begin here and see where the Spirit will lead us—if we are willing to grow and move under His guidance.

John L. Casteel

UCC Publisher To Retire

Rev. Dr. Fred D. Wentzel, Philadelphia, prominent religious publisher, will be honored by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries at a testimonial dinner Tuesday evening, March 30, at McCallister's Restaurant, 1811 Spring Garden Street, on the occasion of his retirement.

Dr. Wentzel has served as Director of Book Publication, of the United Church Press, Division of Publication of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries since 1961.

Many books published by the United Church Press have received awards. Recently at the New England Book Show in Boston two United Church Curriculum books were selected for special commendation for outstanding excellence.

The Rev. Dr. Alfred Nevin Sayres, formerly professor at Lancaster (Pa.) Theological Seminary, and Dr. Charles D. Spotts, Lancaster, Pa., chairman of the Department of Religion at Franklin and Marshall College, will be the speakers at this dinner, at which the Rev. Dr. Edward L. Schlingman, Philadelphia, chairman of Special Ministries of the Division of Christian Education of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, will preside.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES AT MOONELON

Christian Vocations Retreat

April 23-25

- For those who have completed grade 10
- Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Director
- Register before April 17
- Limits: 24 boys and 36 girls

Pilgrim Fellowship Forum

June 19-20

- Two delegates from each local group
- Register before June 12
- Cost: $4.25 (Sat. dinner-Sun. dinner)
- Limits: 24 boys and 36 girls

1965 Youth Travel Seminar

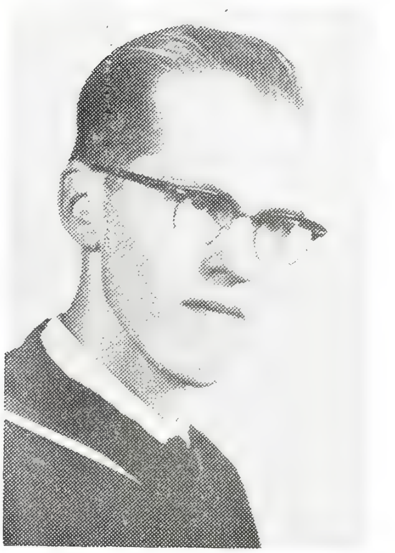
July 18-28

- For those who have completed grade 10
- Rev. L. T. Wilkins, Jr., Director
- Register before July 4—Cost $75.00
- Limits: 9 boys and 10 girls

Conference P. F. Officers' Retreat

September 25-26

- For Conference P. F. Officers
- Register before September 19
- Cost: $5.00 (Sat. lunch-Sun. dinner)



Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Field Secretary
Southern Convention (UCC)
Elon College, N. C.
CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS RETREAT

Rev. L. T. Wilkins, Jr., Pastor
Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ
Liberty, N. C.
YOUTH TRAVEL SEMINAR

JUNIOR AGE CAMPS

Junior Age I Camp

June 27 – July 3

- For those entering grades 4, 5 or 6
- Miss Dorothy Ballinger, Director
- Register before June 19—Cost $20
- Limits: 32 boys and 36 girls

Junior Age II Camp

July 18-24

- For those entering grades 5 or 6
- Rev. Robert Bew, Director
- Register before July 10—Cost $20
- Limits: 32 boys and 36 girls

Junior Age III Camp

August 1-7

- For those entering grades 5 or 6
- Rev. Dan W. Jones, Director
- Register before July 24—Cost $20
- Limits: 32 boys and 36 girls

Please note that young people entering grade 4 are eligible only for the first junior age camp.

THE JUNIOR CAMP

A junior camp is made up of junior aged children and their leaders who live together in a simple outdoor setting, where they engage in experiences which contribute to religious growth and development. The camp experience is planned as a part of the total program of Christian education of young people and the unique opportunities inherent in a camping experience are seen in their proper relation to the whole.

A junior camp combines the exciting experience of going to a place vastly different from their usual surroundings with the opportunity for boys and girls to live cooperatively and democratically in a new community. This cooperative living in a simple manner is the genius upon which all camping for juniors is based.

As he lives outdoors in a beautiful setting, the junior becomes aware of the abounding miracles of God's world. As he forms new friendships with Christian men and women who are his leaders during the camp period, he finds very real heroes whose lives become an influence in molding his own. As he studies the Bible and the thrilling adventures of men and women whose lives built the Christian Church, he finds increasing support for his own loyalty to God and Jesus Christ. All of these experiences contribute toward that most important goal of bringing together Christian ideas and Christian living on a level the junior can understand and practice.

/From **When Juniors Go Camping** by the International Council of Religious Education.

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP-CONFERENCES

Junior High I

July 4-10

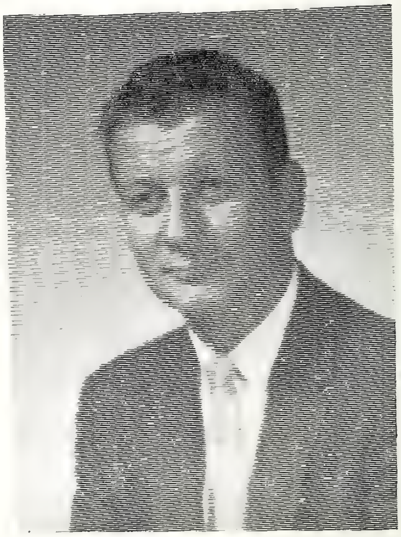
+ For those entering grades 7 or 8
+ Rev. John R. Lackey, Director
+ Register before June 26—Cost $20
+ Limits: 24 boys and 36 girls

Junior High II

July 25-31

+ For those entering grades 7 or 8
+ Rev. Kenneth D. Register, Director
+ Register before July 17—Cost $20
+ Limits: 24 boys and 36 girls

Rev. Kenneth D. Register, Pastor
Beverly Hills UCC
Burlington, N. C.
JR. HIGH II CAMP/CONFERENCE



Rev. John R. Lackey, Pastor
Bayview United Church of Christ
Norfolk, Va.
JR. HIGH I CAMP/CONFERENCE

Miss Dorothy Ballinger, Assistant
To The Pastor, Congregational United
Church of Christ, Greensboro, N. C.
JUNIOR AGE I CAMP

Rev. Robert A. Bew, Pastor
First United Church of Christ
Virginia Beach, Va.
JUNIOR AGE II CAMP

Rev. Dan W. Jones, Pastor
First Cong. Christian (UCC)
Reidsville, N. C.
JUNIOR AGE III CAMP

The Junior High Camp-Conference

The church-sponsored camp for boys and girls provides opportunities for Christian learning and guidance that cannot be achieved elsewhere in the church's program of Christian education. A camping experience capitalizes on the natural interests of junior highs in doing things together in the out-of-doors. It puts them in small groups in a rustic setting where through their simple outdoor living they can actually have an experience in a Christian community living close to the realities of God's world. In camping, Christian principles are not just discussed—they are also lived and evaluated. Here Christian stewardship is not merely studied—it becomes a way of life. Campers grow in purpose and ability through such cumulative spiritual experiences.

/From **Camping Together As Christians** By John and Ruth Ensign, John Knox Press

**Miss Elizabeth Fairbank, President
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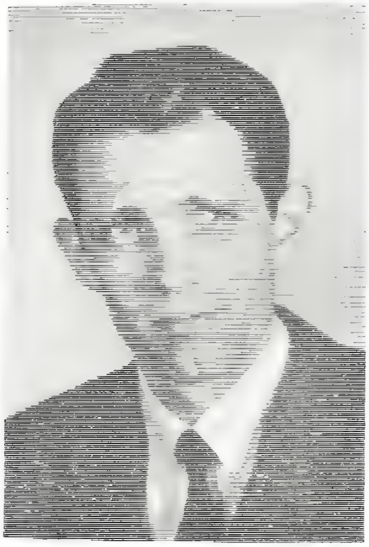

**Rev. S. Collins Kilburn, Pastor
The United Church (UCC)
Raleigh, N. C.**

CO-DIRECTOR, SR. HIGH P. F.

The Middle & Senior High Conferences

The summer conference program is an extension of the total Christian education program of the local church. It is the beginning of an experience which should continue beyond the conference grounds into the life of each participant, into his home, church, school, work, etc.

Significant things happen in a small group (the form of discussion and conversation relationships generally used in varying forms). Leadership can be found within the group; such a group usually has a considerable store of information and opinions which can enrich a sharing period. Learning takes place when people are involved in this process of sharing. Much of the initiative is placed in youth's hands. The adult is to identify himself with his young people, giving guidance when appropriate, and sharing in all phases of the conference program.

Decision-making is a part of the middle high and senior high's life. Stimulation of the mind and spirit, through expressing beliefs and ideas, listening to what others have to offer, meditation alone, and participation in experiences of recreation, fellowship, learning and worship . . . all of these have a part to play in helping young people to find a basis on which their decisions can be made with confidence. As one aspect of the whole Christian education program of the church, summer conferences are of primary importance as communities in which sharing and growth can occur in significant ways.

**Rev. Dwight W. Moore, Pastor
Oakland Christian Church (UCC)
Chuckatuck, Va.
MIDDLE HIGH CONFERENCE**

MIDDLE AND SENIOR HIGH CONFERENCES

Middle High
July 11-17

+ For those entering grades 9 or 10
+ Rev. Dwight W. Moore, Director
+ Register before July 3—Cost $20
+ Limits: 24 boys and 36 girls

Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship Planning & Training Conf.
June 20-26

+ For those entering grades 10, 11 or 12
+ Rev. S. Collins Kilburn and Miss Elizabeth Fairbank, co-directors
+ Register before June 12—Cost $20
+ Limits: 24 boys and 36 girls

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

The 1965 Youth Travel Seminar

Last year something new and different was added to the camp/conference program at Moonelon Center. Thirteen young people and five adults went to Washington, Philadelphia and New York by car in the 1964 YOUTH TRAVEL SEMINAR. Stopping along the way with youth groups of United Churches of Christ, they got to know something of what others are doing, visited places of historical, ecclesiastical and recreational interest, and generally had a tremendous time for themselves.

This summer the **1965 YOUTH TRAVEL SEMINAR** will be taking nineteen young people who have completed the tenth grade to Washington, Philadelphia, Hartford, and Boston from July 18-28. The cost will be $75.00 per person. Last year several of the travellers were sponsored by churches or their own Pilgrim Fellowship groups.

Included tentatively in the 1965 YTS will be visits at national denominational offices in Philadelphia and Boston; important stops in Washington; a three-night stay at Framingham Conference Center in Massachusetts; a visit with the young people at Horace Bushnell Congregational Church in Hartford, Connecticut; a drive out to Cape Cod; plus events shaping up now along the way.

Young people wanting to be a part of this Seminar **should sign up as soon as possible** . . . last year there was a waiting list. Advance registration is $10.00 (non-returnable). A reasonable number will be accepted from each church with young people attending. The total cost of $75 includes meals, accomodations, transportation and insurance. The Seminar will meet at Moonelon Center on Sunday afternoon, July 18 and leave Monday, July 19. It will end on July 28 in Eastern Virginia and at Moonelon.

Special Group Projects For Moonelon

Every so often an inquiry comes in about **the possibility of a local church group working on a particular project** for the improvement of Moonelon Center. This is a very fitting way to contribute to the work being carried out at the Center. Men's groups, youth fellowships, church school classes, and any other group seeking such a project should contact the agent for the Center, Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C.

One example of the kind of thing possible, is **the current need for a respectable snack shack** which could well be a part of the proposed rec-nic facility but which would put the total cost of this building beyond what could reasonably be expected through the Life Membership and Memorial income of the Women's Fellowship if this instrumentality accepts the invitation to make it their 1965-66 project. Such an addition would make a fine project for some local group.

Another need is for a first-class diving board at the swimming pool. And there are other possibilities, too. If there is an interest in sharing in this kind of project for our ministry through Moonelon, please get in touch with Mr. Rinker.

The Majesty Of Moonelon

It looks small as you come into it. The main road, a dirt one, passes the softball field, goes by the dry lake then to the picnic area across from the lodge and by the snack shack to the dining hall. You can see the swimming pool, the cabins, the volleyball and basketball courts, from this road. Back across the lake you will find a quiet scene dominated by a tall cross and rock lecturn known as vesper hill.

Re-make a lake will soon change the lake into a thing of grace, with water in it! The shrubs will be largely cleared away and the dam rebuilt. It will serve as an ideal backdrop from almost any viewpoint in the camp.

The softball field has been a battleground for many cabin versus cabin games. Here the boys prove their strength and the girls prove to be more than "looks."

In rebuilding the lake it is hoped that the picnic area will be redone and beautified. Being next to the lake it is ideal for Christian fellowship in faith and fun.

The lodge is the director's hideaway. It's old style frame blends well with the camp scenery. While it is master of the majesty, it is also rustic and proud of its years.

The dining hall is the center of activity in the camp. It is here that campers eat, work in crafts, play games, and have services.

Just down the road from the dining hall is the secondary "eating place" called the "snack shack." Here the camper can purchase that extra bite of food to round-out the day.

In the cabins the most memorable experience is the sunrise, an impression long to remain in his or her heart.

The pool, volleyball and basketball courts, and other recreation facilities are all part of the Christian camp.

But not in immediate view are the numbers of old campsites constructed by groups of previous years. Then there is the campfire circle which has grown to symbolize the last day of camp because of that final service there.

Most notable is the vesper hill. It is that little hill which can become a mountain in our lives if we attend Moonelon.

Still Some Room At Vocations Retreat

Registrations have been coming in steadily for the Christian Vocations Retreat, April 23-25, at Moonelon Center; it's for young people who have completed grade 10. There is still room for a few girls and lots of boys. Ministers, adult youth leaders and church school superintendents should encourage interested young people to come to Moonelon for this opportunity to learn about possibilities and needs in full-time, church-related service. There is no charge for this weekend when the participant is sincerely interested in the concern for learning.

NEWS FROM OAKLAND

For the month of February the Oakland P. F. invited the P. F. of Suffolk Christian to come and see some of the slides of the Travel Seminar. The slides were enjoyed by all.

In March a very interesting book review was given to the P. F. by Mrs. Frank Spady of Chuckatuck. The book was entitled **This Rocket Called Freedom.** This was a very inspiring review.

The Women's Fellowship And Moonelon

The outstanding support of the Women's Fellowship of the Southern Convention for the development of Moonelon Center has played a major part in what has been happening at our Center. With a real awareness of the needs and potentialities, the women have shared actively and enthusiastically in improving our facilities.

BEDS AND BEDDING. In the late spring of 1963, more than eighty new beds and mattresses were installed in the cabins and Lodge at Moonelon to replace the rather frazzled and bedragled equipment then in use. This was made possible through the efforts of the local Women's Fellowship groups sharing in this project late in 1962 and early in 1963. Well-rested campers and counsellors attest to the usefulness of these new beds.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT. With the 1963-64 project accepted by the women, for new kitchen equipment in the Dining Hall, improvement in efficiency and sanitary conditions were possible in the spring of 1964. An automatic dishwasher, stainless steel sinks, and a milk dispenser were added to the kitchen. The new tools are easily cleaned, attractive and, in the case of the milk dispenser, cut down operating cost.

REC-NIC FACILITY. It is the hope of the Moonelon Board of Managers and the Board of Christian Education of the Southern Convention that in the present year of 1965-66, the Women's Fellowship will accept as their Life Membership and Memorial Project the addition of a picnic and recreation facility at the Center. This building is described elsewhere in this issue. It is vitally needed and would add greatly to the usability of the Center both for camps and conferences as well as church-related groups coming in at other times.

The Board of Managers and the Board of Christian Education have expressed their appreciation and admiration for the work of the women of the Southern Convention in the support they have evidenced of our ministry at Moonelon Center. It is a significant testimony to the alertness and dedication of the women as they participate in the mission of the church.

What Is Moonelon Center?

These days, as summer approaches, all kinds of flyers and promotional pieces arrive at the desks of ministers, adult youth leaders, church school superintendents and key young people, extolling the virtues of a place called **MOONELON CENTER**. Not enough of our people are aware of the ministry being carried on at our conference center.

Moonelon Center is something over thirty acres of land located just outside of Elon College, North Carolina. On its grounds are facilities for camps, conferences, retreats, planning meetings, picnics, and recreational outings. Last year **more local churches than ever before** discovered the possibilities inherent in their use of the Center. They learned of the reasonable rates for meals and their use of the building and equipment.

The Center is managed by **The Board of Managers** who were elected by the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, to which the Center belongs. Working in close cooperation with the Board of Christian Education of the Southern Convention, and the Board of Managers, the North Carolina Field Secretary, Rev. Richard N. Rinker, administers the planning and implementation of the use of the Center, including the summer camp and conference program.

In this issue of **The Christian Sun,** readers will be able to learn more about plans for the Center in 1965. Inquiries are always welcome. Local groups wishing to use the facilities are invited to contact Mr. Rinker at Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

The Elon Choir Concert

The Elon College Choir and the Elon College Quartet appeared in concert as a presentation of the Elon College music department Sunday night, March 21st, in Whitley Memorial Auditorium.

The program featured the compositions of Palestrina, Bach, Zingarelli, Beethoven, Orlandi di Lasso, Hall Johnson and Howard Hansen and folksongs of medieval England and of Czechoslovakia. It was presented under the direction of Prof. Wendell Barthelf, who is director of the choral music program at the college.

In addition to the 46-voice choir and the college's male quartet, the concert featured three student soloists, among them Linda Durham, soprano, of Burlington; Fred Stephenson, tenor, of Greenville, R. I.; and Wayne Kanoy, baritone, of Hampton, Va.

Also in special roles were a number of instrumental artists, among them Charles Bagnell, of Eclipse, Va., on the guitar, and Wayne Seymour, of Gibsonville, recorder, who accompanied the Sixteenth Century English Folksong; and Prof. Jack O. White, of the Elon music faculty, Garth Hutson, of Whitsett, and Al Garrison, of Smithfield, who were trumpet accompanists for Howard Hansen's "Sail, Sail Thy Best, Ship of Democracy."

The members of the Elon College Quartet, presenting a number of selections from Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess," included Fred Stephenson, of Greenville, R. I., Oscar Fowler, of Whaleyville, Va., Wayne Kanoy, of Hampton, Va., and Randy Smart, of Norfolk, Va., Barnie Tysor, of Burlington, and Terry Sink, of Winston-Salem, were instrumental accompanists on percussion and bass. Organ and Piano accompanists for the choir were Wayne Bean, of Greensboro, and Don Harris, of Burlington.

In addition to those listed above, other students who sang with the Elon Choir in the major portions of the program included Emily Anderson, Asheville; David Andes, Elon College; Ben Bayol, Alexandria, Va.; Harold Bodenheimer, Winston-Salem; Sharon Branch, West Palm Beach, Va; Allen Bush, Eclipse, Va.; Betsy Dearborn, Salisbury; Mary Faust, Salisbury; Agnes French, Clayton; Ann Gordon, Burlington; Jane Guthrie, Nathaliena; Becky Harward, Durham;

Dineke Hietbrink, Groningen, Netherlands; Nancy Hilliard, Graham; Ken Hollingsworth, Sophia; Susan Jager, Pawtucket, R. I.; Linda Keck, Burlington; Carol Leffers, Durham; Diana Lewis, Falls Church, Va.; Carol Lupinacki, Stamford, Conn; John Morningstar, Buffalo Junction, Va.; Carl Mulholland, Durham; Harold O'Briant, Durham; Barbara Parker, Hillsboro; Jane Pointer, Semora; Gina Prescott, Arlington, Va.;

Elaine Sawyer, Washington (N. C.); Phillip Shaw, Greensboro; Nancy Thomas, Burlington; Charles Vitou, Rowland; Jo Warner, Annapolis, Md.; Paulette Westphal, Hampton, Va.; Melba White, Mebane; Sandra Williams, Newport News, Va; Sandra Winter, South Miami, Fla.; Mary Woolsey, Madison, N. J.; Jody Young, Windsor, Va.; and Eleanor Zezzo, Hartford, Conn.

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ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Field Consultant Visits

March 22, 1965

Dear Friends:

Last week we had the privilege for the second year in succession of having Mr. Samuel Fudge, Field Consultant for our Group Child Care Project, on our campus. This is a project that is sponsored by the Southeastern Child Care Association and the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Fudge came to our campus on Monday morning and was with us for the entire week. Each morning he met with the entire staff for a two-hour session. Each afternoon he had one-hour conferences with our various staff members. Also, he remained on our campus several evenings and met with our boys and girls. One evening, he met with the administrative staff and a representative group from the community. He spoke on Community Relationships. He also met with a group of students from Elon College who are working with some of our children who are having difficulty with their studies.

All in all, the week was most profitable to us here at our Home. We have always from year to year found these sessions to be most stimulating and helpful in guiding us to better meet the needs of the boys and girls in our care.

We are certainly most grateful in the Southeastern area to have such a fine School of Social Work located at the University. Dr. Allen Keith Lucas, who is the Director of the Project, is also a Professor at the School of Social Work. He, along with Mr. Hansel H. Hollingsworth, Associate Director, and Mr. Fudge are the consultants who work with the various homes who are a part of this project.

We are indeed grateful to these three outstanding men for the contribution they make to all of our homes through the Southeastern area of our country.

We are already looking forward to our next opportunity of having one of these gentlemen visit our campus for another year of in-service training.

Walstein W. Snyder

REPORT FOR MARCH 22, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Eastern North Carolina Conference	$476.00
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	78.12
Total	$554.12
Special Offerings	
Mr. C. F. Savage, Suffolk, Virginia	25.00
United Worker's Society, East Burke, Vt.	10.00
Group of Children, Burlington, N. C.	2.75
Women's Fellowship, First Congregational Church Asheville, N. C.	100.00
Mrs. Margaret Pulley, Richmond, Virginia	5.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. P. W. Isley	
In Memory of Mrs. Harry Raphael	
In Memory of Mrs. L. E. Smith	
In Memory of Mrs. Em. Jones Phillips	
In Memory of Mr. W. E. Butler, Sr.	
In Memory of Miss Wilmer Holt	
Total Memorial Gifts	98.00
Special Offerings	137.39
Total	$378.14
Total for the Week	$932.26

Who Are The Adults Who Serve At Moonelon?

Those who come to Moonelon Center as adult leaders, giving a week of their time, **represent a fair cross-section of the church community.** Housewives and mothers, ministers, industrial workers, agricultural workers . . . name an occupation common to our area and there has undoubtedly been someone at Moonelon from its ranks.

People who have a genuine interest and concern for young people, who can communicate with them, who can listen to what they have to say, who can speak to them without preaching at them, and who can accept them as individuals instead of lumping them together as "teenagers".

Men and women with a commitment to God, the Christ and their church. Possessed of an awareness for their personal need to continue growing, these adult leaders have found a stimulating and demanding way to help achieve this growth. By living with young people for this week, they are called upon to witness to their beliefs and put into practice the standards they profess as Christians.

Individuals willing to open their lives up to something unique and truly inspiring. In young people can be found an inspiration to counter the doubt and uncertainty frequently directed toward the actions and attitudes of today's teens. When given an opportunity, young people are their own best testimonies to the depths of thought of which they are capable, and the disturbing questions they find it so difficult to find answers for from adults in our world who, themselves, too often never overcame the pressures and wavering of their formative years.

ADULT LEADERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS MINISTRY

THE FIFTH ANNUAL

UNITED CHURCH MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

MAY 17-19, 1965

THE CHURCH IN OUR DAY

Guest Leaders:

Dr. Don Benedict—Executive Director of the Church and Urbanization Emphasis Committee, UCC, New York.

Dr. Harold Wilke, Executive Director of Council for Church and Ministry, UCC, New York.

Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds
Blowing Rock, N. C.
Cost: $12.00

PERCY BENTON TO ZION CHRISTIAN

Percy Benton, Jr., a native of Virginia, has been called as pastor of the Zion Christian Church, Burlington. Mr. Benton and his family are now living in Burlington. His wife Ruth, and their son Philip, came to this area with him from eastern Virginia.

Mr. Benton has attended Northeastern Pennsylvania College in Greenland, Pennsylvania, and is now completing work toward a degree at Elon College.

SOUTHERN CONVENTION BOX 247 — ELON COLLEGE, N. C. 27244

(ACTING CONFERENCE. UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST)

REPORT OF RECEIPTS FOR APPORTIONMENT

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

PAID 1-1-65 TO 3-29-65

N. CAROLINA & VIRGINIA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Bethlehem	1,937	484.22	1,452.78	23.00
Asheville	2,261	390.00	1,871.00	00
Belew Cr.	674	00	674.00	00
Monticello	946	00	946.00	00
Bethel	991	00	991.00	13.50
Bev. Hills	2,479	412.00	2,067.00	00
Carolina	884	220.98	663.02	00
Edgewood	627	00	627.00	00
Burl'ton, 1st	6,234	1,395.92	4,838.08	00
Hopedale	649	18.00	631.00	00
Lakeview	473	00	473.00	00
Long's Ch.	1,200	300.00	900.00	00
Union Rdg.	2,982	00	2,982.00	00
Zion	294	00	294.00	00
Durham	3,135	575.00	2,560.00	00
Berea	473	00	473.00	00
Elon Col. C.	3,114	100.00	3,014.00	1.40
Concord	688	00	688.00	7.92
Shal. Ford	1,479	150.00	1,329.00	00
Apple's Ch.	2,796	00	2,796.00	00
Gibsonville	621	00	621.00	00
Gra. Provi.	1,123	00	1,123.00	00
Greensboro:				
Calvary	423	00	423.00	00
Congrega.	6,655	1,109.12	5,545.83	83.95
Palm St.	2,315	385.90	1,929.10	00
St. Peter's	683	57.49	625.51	00
Pleas. Rdg.	490	300.00	190.00	00
Haw River	1,341	00	1,341.00	00
Hendersonv.	1,805	00	1,805.00	49.23
Kallam Gr.	377	00	377.00	00
Hines Ch.	1,565	391.31	1,173.69	1.00
Mebane	125	00	125.00	00
Mt. Zion	1,386	300.00	1,086.00	00
Pfafftown	759	00	759.00	00
Reidsville	4,290	00	4,290.00	00
Howard's Ch.	249	00	249.00	00
N. Lebanon	1,000	00	1,000.00	00
Hap. Home	1,263	00	1,263.00	00
Lebanon	526	00	526.00	00
Mt. Bethel	400	00	400.00	00
Tryon	3,715	891.00	2,824.00	00
Salem Ch.	666	00	666.00	00
Winston-Sa.	1,248	624.00	624.00	00
Rocky Ford	264	00	264.00	00
Danv., Va.	3,789	00	3,789.00	15.00
Pleas. Gr.	1,030	00	1,030.00	00
Lynchburg	605	00	605.00	00
Lib., Va.	1,031	00	1,031.00	5.00
Hebron	272	00	272.00	00
S. Boston	1,162	00	1,162.00	00
Ingram	859	00	859.00	00
Union, Va.	2,347	600.00	1,747.00	00
Totals	78,730	8,704.94	70,025.06	200.00

THE MISSION OF YOUR CHURCH DEPENDS ON YOUR REGULAR AND FAITHFUL SUPPORT.

WESTERN N. CAROLINA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Albemarle	2,127	531.69	1,595.31	00
Asheboro	1,915	00	1,915.00	00
Bailey's Gr.	132	00	132.00	00
Pl. Cross	503	127.00	381.00	00
Pl. Union	398	00	398.00	00
Spoon's Ch.	355	00	355.00	00
Union Gr.	640	250.00	390.00	00
Bennett	49	00	49.00	00
Pl. Grove	1,330	00	1,330.00	00
Biscoe	210	00	210.00	00
Flint Hill (M)	345	00	345.00	00
Big Oak	507	00	507.00	00
Ether	474	00	474.00	00
High Point	669	00	669.00	00
Liberty	794	00	794.00	00
Pleasant Hill	1,870	500.00	1,370.00	166.00
Smithwood	964	00	964.00	00
Antioch (C)	534	00	534.00	00
Hanks' Ch.	1,536	787.00	773.00	00
Ramseur	1,124	00	1,124.00	00
Pl. Ridge	1,664	00	1,664.00	00
Shiloh	247	00	247.00	00
Randleman	1,150	150.00	1,000.00	00
Brown's Ch.	644	00	644.00	00
Prov. Ch.	163	00	163.00	00
Grace's Ch.	687	00	687.00	00
Northview	456	00	456.00	00
Zion	725	00	725.00	00
Seagrove	551	200.00	351.00	9.00
Antioch (R)	483	00	483.00	00
Needham's Gr.	648	00	648.00	00
New Center	274	00	274.00	00
Siler City	210	00	210.00	00
Sophia	600	80.00	520.00	00
Flint Hill (R)	294	00	294.00	00
Shady Grove	287	00	287.00	00
Mt. Pleasant	552	00	552.00	46.83
Totals	26,116	2,625.69	23,514.31	221.83

EASTERN N. CAROLINA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Special
Pleasant Hill	270	00	270.00	00
Ebenezer	709	00	709.00	00
Damascus	483	00	483.00	15.00
Martha's Ch.	203	00	203.00	00
Bethel	177	10.00	167.00	00
Ch'pel H., U.	1,445	300.00	1,145.00	00
Clayton	537	107.00	430.00	00
Amelia	1,060	265.00	795.00	00
Fayetteville	1,037	00	1,037.00	00
Mt. Carmel	313	00	318.00	00
Pope's Chapel	438	00	438.00	00
Chris. Light	605	00	605.00	00
Garner, Trin.	658	00	658.00	16.78
Hayes Chap.	680	00	680.00	00
Mt. Hermon	403	00	408.00	00
Henderson	2,303	00	2,303.00	00
Fuller Chap.	851	00	851.00	20.00
Lib. Vance	2,126	00	2,126.00	00
Hope Mills	238	38.84	199.16	00
Bethlehem	390	00	390.00	00
Mt. Gilead	438	78.00	360.00	00
New Hope	722	00	722.00	00
Mt. Auburn	727	00	727.00	00
Chris. Chapel	211	00	211.00	00
Morrisville	196	50.00	145.00	00
New Elam	913	00	918.00	00
Niagara	94	00	94.00	00
Auburn	709	730.00	303.00	00
Piney Plain	949	00	949.00	00
Plymouth	546	00	546.00	00
Raleigh, U.	2,183	00	2,183.00	00
Raleigh, W.	558	00	558.00	00
Sanford, 1st	2,211	552.75	1,658.25	00
Lee's Chap.	427	00	427.00	00
Moore Union	362	00	362.00	00
Shallow Well	2,143	00	2,143.00	00
Turner's Chp.	530	00	530.00	00
So. Pines	2,729	00	2,729.00	00
Wake Chap.	2,566	600.00	1,966.00	00
Beulah	997	00	997.00	00
Youngsville	288	00	238.00	20.00
Good Hope	333	00	333.00	00
Oak Level	525	112.75	412.25	00
Antioch	367	00	367.00	00
Totals	36,665	2,844.34	34,144.66	71.78

EASTERN VIRGINIA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Special
Bayside	2,057	00	2,057.00	00
Rosemont	4,764	2,100.00	2,664.00	25.00
Oakland	2,763	691.00	2,072.00	58.00
Dendron	180	41.00	139.00	00
Union, Surry	112	00	112.00	00
Beth., Disp.	386	00	386.00	00
Centerville	231	57.75	173.25	00
Berea, N.	1,457	300.00	1,157.00	00
Mt. Zion	520	00	520.00	00
New Lebanon	64	00	64.00	00
Franklin	3,153	00	3,158.00	81.00
Hunterdale	2,198	00	2,198.00	00
Ham'ton, 1st	4,023	00	4,023.00	00
Holland	1,740	435.00	1,305.00	00
Holy Neck	1,844	406.25	1,437.75	00
Hopewell	723	00	723.00	00
Isle of Wight	409	00	409.00	00
Lynnhaven	1,490	00	1,490.00	106.04
Warwick	1,606	450.00	1,156.00	00
Norfolk:				
Bayview	1,797	00	1,797.00	00
Central	757	00	757.00	40.00
Christian T.	6,410	1,068.34	5,341.66	37.34
Gt. Bridge	3,025	00	3,025.00	00
Lit. Creek	471	25.00	446.00	00
Portsmouth:				
First	1,402	00	1,402.00	25.00
Shelt. M.	1,315	90.00	1,225.00	00
United	1,291	00	1,291.00	00
Pr. George	442	100.00	342.00	39.40
Rich., 1st	1,623	248.00	1,375.00	00
S. Norfolk	4,476	756.00	3,720.00	00
Beth., N.	4,371	1,038.65	3,332.35	21.00
Suf. Chris.	7,991	00	7,991.00	00
Cyp .Chap.	2,104	00	2,104.00	00
Lib. Spring	2,317	594.00	1,723.00	00
Va. Beach:				
First	968	00	968.00	00
Pem. Manor	300	00	300.00	00
Wakefield	599	00	599.00	10.25
Barrett's	93	00	93.00	00
Burton's Gr.	206	00	206.00	00
Mt. Carmel	828	174.80	653.20	00
Waverly	1,498	00	1,498.00	00
Spring Hill	220	33.87	186.13	5.00
Windsor	1,678	866.00	812.00	00
Antioch	575	150.00	425.00	00
Eure	1,417	00	1,417.00	00
Damascus	1,002	00	1,002.00	00
Oak Grove	244	00	244.00	00
Totals	79,145	9,625.66	69,519.34	448.03

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Getting Ready

Before this summer ends, plans and work will begin in preparation for the 1966 camping season. This year's camp/conference program began shaping up before the end of last summer. Conversational and written evaluations start the process. What was good? What was not-so-good? What worked well? How about some better ways?

In the fall months, qualified leaders were invited to serve as camp/conference directors for this year. Dates were scheduled for the seven or eight weeks for juniors, junior highs, middle highs and senior highs. Preliminary publicity was sent out before Thanksgiving.

Planning during the winter months included consideration of facility development and finances for the coming summer. Tentative announcements from various sources provided information on teaching materials and new ideas which had been developed.

Early spring saw the first staff members committed and the beginning of a concerted effort to secure the fifty or so adult workers necessary if camps and conferences are to be held this summer. Letters and forms by the hundreds go out. Personal contacts are made. Interviews are conducted for college Student Summer Service workers who will spend the summer at camp. Kitchen staff is arranged for. The interests and abilities of those replying to invitations to serve on camp staffs are evaluated and passed on to directors. Through correspondence more will be shared between those responsible for camp leadership and staff members.

Complete details on camps and conferences had gone out to former campers, ministers, church school superintendents, adult youth advisors, and key young people by springtime. Registration forms have already started to come in for the early camps. Inquiries get responses. Publicity goes out to churches for display.

Mid-spring brings decisions and orders for materials to be used. Themes are chosen. Directions of study are selected. Staff members receive teaching tools and help from directors with regard to the hopes and plans for their particular weeks. About this time, arrangements are being made for government food commodities and the repair of facilities. The search for capable and willing staff members increases in its tempo and urgency. Training sessions for staff are set up and held. Adjustments are made.

By this time, too, special resource persons have been assigned by our national offices according to requests made in the winter by mail and in interviews with national staff members. Further communication is made with missions resource guests for each camp. Transportation is programmed. Their responsibilities are sent to them by directors. Registrations continue to increase daily.

Early events, like Vocations Retreat, have passed by the end of April and early May. The need for adult workers becomes pressing. Facilities are shaping up. Plans are being finalized by directors. Requests for special materials and opportunities arrive and receive attention. Last minute details are cared for.

And at the end of spring the camp/conference season opens to complete the cycle. Before the first day of the first camp has closed, it becomes quite apparent that the planning and work by so many individuals was worth every bit of the effort.

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Holy Week -- 1965

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

/King James

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, and said, "Certainly this man was innocent!"

/Revised Standard Version

It was now about mid-day, but darkness came over the whole countryside until three in the afternoon, for the sun was eclipsed. The veil in the Temple sanctuary was split in two, and Jesus gave a great cry. Then he said, "Father, I commend my spirit into Your hands." And with these words, he died. When the centurion saw what had happened, he exclaimed reverently, "That was indeed a good man!"

/Phillips

OUTSIDE AGITATORS

By William Joyner

A hypothetical reaction of a typical resident of Jerusalem to the "Good Friday" crucifixion of Jesus:

"Well, of course, it's too bad about that crucifixion last Friday, but that law-breaker and blasphemer shouldn't have been here in Jerusalem anyway. After all, what did those people expect to accomplish by parading down the street singing those ridiculous chants (Hosanna, etc.)? It was absolutely scandalous the way that mass of riff-raff made such a to-do over him; throwing those palm branches all over the streets.

"I say he got just what was coming to him. Everything was so nice and peaceful down here in Jerusalem before he came through agitating the people and getting them all stirred up. The residents of Jerusalem are good people, but he just pushed them too far. Sure, some of them agreed to the release of a murderer in order to get the agitator crucified, but he caused it all by coming here in the first place—he and that bunch of holier-than-thou fishermen from up north in Galilee. I understand that some of his own followers tried to warn him that if he came here it would only lead to violence, but he wouldn't listen. They should all have stayed at home minding their own business and praying about it if they didn't like the way things were going."

At Wake Chapel UCC

Cuban Refugees As Guests

The Women's Missionary Fellowship sponsored a fellowship supper in honor of the two Cuban refugee families who are now living in Fuquay-Varina. The special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pinera and Mrs. Fernando Molina and families.

Mrs. Molina, who spoke in Spanish, but which was translated by Miss Mercy Pinera, gave a talk concerning life in Cuba before and after Castro's rule. Under the rule of Batista, a dictator, life was dictated to but people were allowed all former privileges; people were still unhappy because they had no democratic rights. Castro made promises of Democracy and the masses helped him to gain power. After he gained control, he turned to Communism. Almost all Church grownups were shipped out of Cuba. Communism was taught in schools, and children learned to use weapons. There was no public worship. All schools were ordered to teach Communism and no religious programs were allowed. In the first grade they started a "brain-washing" technique; all children prayed to God for candy and received none, but when they would pray to Castro they would always receive candy, trying to prove that Castro was greater than God by answering their prayers. All private enterprise was taken over. Mr. Pinera owned an Auto Parts business worth $100,000. The government offered him $50,000. for it. All people who could, tried to leave Cuba, but it was difficult. They had to keep it a secret as much as possible. Those who left could bring three changes of clothes only; they could not bring jewelry, money, or any other personal possessions. Mrs. Pinera was a Dr. of Elementary Education in Cuba, but resigned after the change of religion in schools.

Mr. David Stroud, a Fuquay-Varina business man, took the initial step in sponsoring these two families and received the cooperation of the community. The community has furnished these needy persons with a house, electric range, refrigerator, washing machine, and kitchen cabinets which were stocked with food.

Thirty-five women were present for this fellowship. Mrs. Ann Ransdell gave the devotions and the program was "Spanish Speaking Americans in our Midst."

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FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

THE RECORD FOR 1964

A. The Southern Convention

1. **Churches Voting to be a part of the United Church of Christ** — 154 (A decrease of four: Sunbury, Cypress Chapel, Damascus (Chapel Hill), and New Lebanon (Reidsville) have changed their votes.)
2. **Membership** — 37,305, a decrease of 297. This may be due to reporting and revision of rolls. 25 churches did not send in annual reports, many of which are inactive churches.
3. **We have 140 ordained ministers,** 86 serving as active pastors. Others serve as Chaplains, Campus Ministers, in Christian Education, or are Retired. 18 ministers hold Conference Ordination, 13 are Licentiates, 29 are Candidates in Care of Conference, 5 are Lay Ministers, and 4 are ministers of other denominations, serving churches with permission of Conferences. We have the largest number of "Candidates in Care of Conference" in recent years. This is encouraging.
4. **165 churches are served by regular pastors,** 9 by part-time supplies, 7 are inactive churches, and 25 are vacant, without regular or accepted pastors. 9 of these have called or are in process of calling a new minister. All are being supplied except 7 completely inactive churches.
5. **Our churches gave a total of $286,722.** for benevolences, and spent a total of $1,259,175. for Home Expenses, paid $574,111. on capital improvements or payments.
6. **The report of our stewardship** was given in the February 16th issue of THE CHRISTIAN SUN on pages 3 and 4. Each of our Conferences showed a decrease in apportionment giving for 1964 over 1963 except the Virginia Valley Conference. This has been a period of unrest among our churches, and perhaps the report should be understood in this context. However, we should not overlook the fact that there has been a gradual decline in our performance since 1962. For example, the apportionment receipts for Convention Fund in 1962 amounted to $32,864., and in 1964, amounted to $31,071.64.

B. The Conferences — (Acting Associations)

1. **The Virginia Valley Conference** transferred to the Central Atlantic Conference, as of January 16, 1965. This means a loss of 19 churches, approximately 3,000 members, and approximately $13,000. in apportionment receipts, plus a loss of fellowship with churches and people which has been rich and meaningful over the years. This poses for the Southern Convention a severe time of testing during 1965 as we seek to continue the same service, personnel and program in the face of the loss of the Virginia Valley Conference and a pattern of decreasing apportionment receipts.
2. **Note the record of apportionment receipts for 1964** from the several Conferences on page 3 of the February 16th issue of THE CHRISTIAN SUN. The average performances of the Conferences was only 77.5% of the goal set. This means that in budget making one has to set a budget at about 75% of the anticipated receipts or face a serious deficit problem.

OUTSTANDING GUEST SPEAKERS FOR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BIENNIAL SESSION

APRIL 27-28

THE CHRISTIAN TEMPLE NORFOLK, VA.

MRS. J. RUSSELL CHANDRAN

MRS. FRANK M. LACY

Mrs. J. Russell Chandran, an Indian teacher, is the wife of the Rev. Dr. J. Russell Chandran, Principal of The United Theological College, Bangalore.

Her father was a leading Anglican pastor in South India. She graduated from the Women's Christian College, Madras, with a B. A. degree from Madras University. After taking her Teacher's Training in St. Christopher College, Madras, she was the Headmistress of a Teacher's Training School for Women for five years. She married Dr. Chandran in 1944.

Following her marriage she has taught in several high schools. She is on the faculty of the Bishop Cotton Girls' High School in Bangalore, one of the leading English Medium Schools in India.

At the United Theological College, Mrs. Chandran has been responsible for leading the Women's Fellowship of the College and also for arranging the classes for the students' wives. She is the chairman of the Governing Board of Vishranti Nilyam, the mother house of the Women's Order of the Church of South India.

The Chandrans are spending a year in the United States. Dr. Chandran is the Henry Luce Visiting Professor at Union Theological Seminary. Their two children, Prem and Vijaya, are with them. Vijaya, 19, will study at Mt. Holyoke College, and Prem, 13, will study at Groton School.

Mrs. Chandran spent a year in Chicago with her husband in 1957-58. She studied at the University Divinity School. Her husband is a member of the Executive and Central Committees of the World Council of Churches.

Mrs. Frank M. Lacy will be one of the guest speakers at the **Twenty-sixth Biennial Session** of the Southern Convention Women's Fellowship to be held April 27-28 at The Christian Temple in Norfolk.

Mrs. Lacy is the author of **Springboard To Discovery,** a book which appeared in bookstores in mid-March. Its theme is stewardship in every area of life. She has written program material for her denomination, Presbyterian, as well as numerous articles for church magazines.

Currently an elder in the First Presbyterian Church in Martinsville, Virginia, her home, she has had responsibilities in presbyterial and synodical work and Christian Education. Her topic on April 27, during the evening session, will be **Member of The Family.**

The Resurrection Anthem

of John of Damascus, c. 750 A. D.

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought His Israel into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot thro' the Red Sea waters.
'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days sleep in death as a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.
Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.
Neither might the gates of death, nor the tombs dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal;
But today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace, which evermore passeth human knowing.

—Translated by John M. Neale

I LIKE THE FAITH OF EASTER

By John G. Truitt

I like the faith of Easter,
I like the flowers, too;
I like the Church's message,
And every well-filled pew;
The music and the sermon,
And all the gay bouquets
Make Easter such a blessing
Of sweet and wondrous praise.

I like the children Easter,
Their pretty dresses gay;
Their pretty Easter baskets
With eggs and colored hay;
And I like the Easter greetings
Of love and sweet accord
Which hail the Resurrection
Of Jesus Christ, Our Lord!

Twenty-Sixth Biennial Session

Women's Fellowship Of The Southern Convention

Of Congregational Christian Churches

Theme: "Mission—The Christian's Calling"

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 **Registration**
2:00 **Call to Order**........Mrs. Robert M. Kimball, President
Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory"........No. 464
Worship Service........Mrs. Lafayette Wilkins
Greetings
Mrs. R. E. Brickhouse for The Christian Temple
Rev. Joe A. French, for The Southern Convention
Recognitions........Rev. L. Bill Simmons
Business Session:
Adoption of Program
Announcement of Committees
Resume of 1963-1965 Executive Board Minutes
Mrs. William J. Andes
Report of Treasurer........Mrs. W. B. Williams
Auditor's Report
Recommendations Committee Report
(First Reading)........Mrs. Lowell Smoot
President's Address: "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"
Reports of Officers and Department Chairmen
10 Minute Intermission
Hymn: "Christ for the World We Sing"........No. 535
Dramatization: "Six Missionaries Speak"
(arranged by Mrs. Lowell Smoot from report in November-December 1964 "Task Force")
A Look at New Program Materials........Mrs. Harold Tribble
Mrs. Dwight Moore
Summer Conference—1965........Mrs. Kenneth Register
Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign"........No. 527
5:00 **Benediction**........Dr. Robert M. Kimball
Fellowship Hour
6:00 **Dinner** Honoring Life Members and Women of our Churches in the Valley of Virginia

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HELP THE CHURCH HISTORY ROOM

Mrs. Oma U. Johnson, Curator of the Church History Room of the Southern Convention, is doing a good job getting the records of our Convention together, but she badly needs the following annuals: 1872 (2 copies), 1875, 1880.

If she can receive copies of annuals for those three years she will be able to have permanently bound files of the Southern Convention Minutes. This will be invaluable in the preservation of our History. If you have annuals for 1872, 1875, 1880, won't you please make a contribution of them to the Church History Room?

—William T. Scott

HENDERSONVVILLE & ASHEVILLE CHURCHES WOMEN

The Women's Christian Fellowship of the **First Congregational Church at Hendersonville** extended an invitation to the Women's Fellowship of the **First Congregational Church at Asheville** to attend their meeting on May 3. The program will consist of an informal get-acquainted dessert and coffee hour, followed by a presentation by **Mrs. Alfred H. Taylor** who has just returned from a working trip around the world under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, helping to train Christian women in many lands.

EVENING SESSION

8:00 **Organ Meditation**
Theme Hymn: "Be Strong"
Worship Service........Mrs. F. C. Lester
Special Music by the Choir of The Christian Temple
The Offering
Introduction of Speaker........Mrs. R. M. Cline
Address: "Member of the Family"........Mrs. Frank M. Lacy
Closing Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal"........No. 470
Benediction........Dr. Frank Hamilton

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

MORNING SESSION

9:00 **Organ Meditation**
9:05 **Call to Order**........Mrs. Robert M. Kimball
Hymn: "The Voice of God Is Calling"........No. 499
Worship Service........Mrs. Edward A. Simiele
Reports—Our Concerns
Elon College........Dr. J. Earl Danieley, President
Elon Home for Children........Dr. W. W. Snyder, Supt.
Church History Room........Mrs. Oma Johnson, Curator
Youth Activities........Rev. Richard N. Rinker
Council for Lay Life and Work........Mrs. F. C. Lester
Southern Convention........Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Supt.
Introduction of Speaker........Mrs. Dwight Moore
Address: "Women in India Today"........Mrs. J. R. Chandran
Business Session
Second Reading of Recommendations and Vote
Reports—Place Committee
Courtesy Committee
Registrar........Mrs. F. L. O'Leary
Nominating Committee........Mrs. Garland Spratley
Election of Officers
Miscellaneous Business
Installation of Officers and Closing Meditation
Mrs. Garland Spratley
Hymn: "Forth In Thy Name"........No. 441
Benediction........Dr. Clyde L. Fields
12:00 **Lunch**

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Teachers' Recognition At Durham

The teachers and officers of the church school at the **Congregational Christian Church (UCC) of Durham** were honored on March 24 at a dinner sponsored by the Board of Christian Education. Following dinner, the Rev. Richard N. Rinker of the Southern Convention staff spoke on **The Church — A Non-prophet Organization.** Dr. Richard B. Grant discussed **The Gratitude of Parents,** and Mrs. Guy E. Alling presented **The Joy Of Teachers.** Special music was provided by Mrs. C. A. Hilliard and her daughter, Kathy.

A feature of this recognition gathering was the special appreciation expressed for three former teachers: Mrs. Edna P. Austin, who had served 20 years; Mrs. Kathleen Glenn, 32 years; Miss Clarine Perry, 40 years. Each was presented with an appropriate gift.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

ON DEAN'S LIST

153 Honor Students

One hundred-fifty-three Elon College students have been placed on the Dean's List for honor grades achieved on their courses during the past fall semester, according to an announcement from the office of Dean Fletcher Moore. Ten of the group had all "A" grades, while the others are on the list for a "B" average on courses.

Those on the "A" listing were Eugenia Bouldin, Pittsboro; Theodore Cooper, Portsmouth, Ohio; Wanda Edwards, Raleigh; **James Howell,** Franklin, Va.; Catherine Johnson, Burlington; Carl King, Charlotte; Betsy Parsley, Spruce Pine; **Glenda Pridgen,** Raleigh; Alton Skinner, Durham; and **Denny Wagoner,** Elon College.

Those on the "B" group were Jane Aaron, Burlington; George Adams, Graham; Douglass Allred, Burlington; Beverly Anderson, Hampton, Va.; **David Andes,** Elon College; Howard Andrew, Snow Camp; Mary Dale Andrews, Sanford; Jewelle Bass, South Boston, Va.; Allen Beals, Annapolis, Md.; Jane Benton, Ocean Drive, S. C.; Ruby Booty, Burlington; Marcus Bradsher, Roxboro;

Jack Brammer, Leaksville; **Charon Branch, West Palm Beach,** Fla.; Martha Brandon, Burlington; **Jean Brown, Virginia Beach, Va.;** Sandra Bueschel, Graham; Judy Caines, Bolton; Mack Carden, Durham; Gerald Cates, Hazelhurst, Ga.; Nellie Cheshire, Hillsboro; Frank Ciamello, Oceanside, N. Y.; Helen Claxton, Washington, D. C.; Roger Clayton, Roxboro; Daryl Cohen, Wilmington, Del.;

Scott Crabtree, Durham; Robert Creadick, Durham; Fred Cummings, Gibsonville; **Anne Cunningham, Elon College;** Patricia Dean, Burlington; Eddie Dunn, Burlington, James Dunn, Gibsonville; Linda Durham, Burlington; Lora Elder, Burlington; Katherine Ellington, Henderson; **Donald Fogleman, Burlington;** William Frank, Wilmington, Del.; **Agnes French, Clayton;**

Jennifer Gamble, Hendersonville; Dianne Gerlach, Reidsville; **Roberta Grady, Norwich, Conn.;** Kenneth Graves, Burlington; Timothy Green, Burlington; William Green, Wilmington, Del.; Robert Gregory, Norfolk; Tommy Griffin, Burlington; Jane Guthrie, Nathalie, Va.; Raymond Harris, Burlington; **Rebecca Harward, Durham;** William Herbert, Graham; **Dineke Hietbrink, Groninger, Netherlands;**

Nancy Hilliard, Graham; **Ronald Hodkinson, Taftville, Conn.;** Marty Hogenson, Lutherville, Md.; **Ray Hollingsworth, Randleman; Joyce Howell, Franklin,** Va.; Paula Hudson, Columbia, S. C.; **Grover Huffines, Burlington;** Reid Hughes, Burlington; Richard Hutchins, Hillsboro; Barbara Ippolito, Burlington; **Susan Jager, Pawtucket, R. I.;** Ann Jennings, Portsmouth, Va.; Donald Johnson, Parkton;

Judith Jones, Franklin, Va.; Carol Keith, Sanford; Evelyn Kent, Granite Falls; Elizabeth Kilpatrick, Burlington; Kathy Kirby, Charlotte; **Philip Ladd, Meriden, Conn.; Ann Lamberth, Reidsville; Janet Lamm, Burlington;** Linda Lee, Clayton; **Dace Lewis, Burlington;** Linda Lewis, Gibsonville; Delna Lineberry, Alamance; Jane Loy, Burlington; Alan McDonald, Falls Church, Va.;

Donald Martin, Burlington; **Albert Massey, Burlington;** Martha Matthews, Rockville, Md.; **Sally Maurer, Norwich, Conn.; Lee McCann, Mountain Lakes, N. J.; Kay McCauley, Burlington;** Patricia McCausland, Wantagh, N. Y.; Jane McIver, Burlington; Rickey McPherson, Haw River; Joan Michael, Burlington; Roland Miller, Lakeville, Ind.; Alice Mitchell, Kensington, Md.;

Lea Mitchell, Burlington; Robert Model, New York City; **Fred Moon, Burlington; Jerry Moore, Elon College;** Sandra Nagy, Allendale, N. J.; Tommy Newsome, Burlington; Thomas Oakes, Burlington; Carl Parker, Norfolk, Va.; James Payne, Portsmouth, Va.; Elaine Phelps, Hillsboro; **Gail Porter, Sanford;** Beverly Powell, Arlington, Va.; Gina Prescott, Arlington, Va.;

Randall Pugh, Liberty; Hollace Raad, Winston-Salem; **Phyllis Register, Burlington;** Janice Rice, Reidsville; **Paul Robinson, Fairfield, Conn.;** Sandy Rountree, Hobbsville; Joyce Samuels, Burlington; James Saunders, Salisbury; Lloyd Scheer, Alexandria, Va.; Tommy Scoggins, Gibsonville; Grandahl Stezer, Alamance; Judith Shannon, Gastonia; Linda Sharpe, Snow Camp;

Mary Shaw, Mebane; Michael Sink, Winston-Salem; Robert Smith, Burlington; Harrison Snider, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Fred Stephenson, Greenville, R. I.; Jean Stevens, Durham; Lowell Thomas, Asheboro; Elaine Thomas, Franklinville; James Totty, Durham; Ronald Tugwell, Arlington, Va.; Elizabeth Turner, Laurinburg; George Walters, Mebane; James Watkins, Stoneville; Annie Ruth Webb, Burlington; Paulette Westphal, Hampton, Va.; Melba White, Mebane; **Alan Willard, Chester Depot, Vt.;** Sandra Williams, Newport News, Va.; Roger Wood, Portsmouth, Va.; Elizabeth Woolsey, Madison, N. J.; Sandra Wrenn, Staley; Brenda York, Liberty; and Russell Zumwatt, Annandale, Va.

(Names in bold face are U. C. C. students.)

More Letters of Intent Received

Diamond Anniversary Fund Letters of Intent have been received from the following Churches: from Eastern North Carolina Conference—Chapel Hill, "Damascus" and from North Carolina and Virginia Conference—Madison, "Kellam Grove"; Pffafftown and Summerfield, "Mt. Bethel."

Elon College acknowledges with gratitude these Letters of Intent. We are pleased that our Churches are continuing to take favorable action toward support of the Anniversary Fund of our College.

Dr. Rankin Visits Campus

Dr. Hugh F. Rankin, graduate of Elon in the Class of 1949, was a visitor on the campus March 26th and 27th. He is now Professor of American History at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Rankin, an authority on the American Revolution, gave an address on Thursday evening, March 26, at the annual Pi Gamma Mu lecture. On Friday, he was informally introduced to students and faculty at a luncheon meeting held in the Banquet Hall of McEwen. Dr. Rankin's visit to Elon was sponsored by the Alpha chapter of Pi Gamma Mu. ,

Baxter Speaks at Christian Temple

The monthly Family Night at **The Christian Temple, Norfolk,** was held on April 5. Following dinner, the guest speaker, Robert C. Baxter, presented an address on Elon College to the adult education gathering. Mr. Baxter is the Director of Development for Elon College.

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Elon College Students and Faculty extend sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. John Kittenger in the death of their daughter, Patricia, and to Mr. W. E. Butler, Jr., in the death of his father. Miss Kittenger departed this life on March 13, 1965, and Mr. Butler, March 15.

ON THE EDGE

Members of the **M. O. R. E. Steering Committee** in the western part of North Carolina met with **Dr. James Bright** of the Department of Evangelism on March 29. The meeting was held at Concord.

Mr. Ray McNeely, choir director of **Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville**, is touring military stations in the Caribbean with a group of graduates from the University of North Carolina to entertain service men.

The annual meeting of church school superintendents in Eastern Virginia was held on March 30 at the **First United Church of Christ, Virginia Beach.** Ministers were invited to share in this meeting.

The **United Campus Christian Fellowship at Duke** met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Waldo Boone to hear Dr. Jay Phillips present a program on "The Holy Land Today" on March 21. Our Southern Convention shares in the campus ministry being carried on at Duke through the **Rev. John Carey,** our pastor for the students there.

The Church of the Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines (UCC), provides a service for members of the community known as "Tele-A-Prayer." People can call a phone number and receive a daily devotional message provided by the church. Minister of the church is the **Rev. Robert W. Roschy.**

Rev. H. Winfred Bray, pastor of the **Union Ridge United Church of Christ, Burlington,** will be guest preacher for the Revival Services to be held at **Longs Chapel United Church of Christ, Burlington,** from April 19 - 23. Pastor at Longs Chapel is **Rev. Donald D. Sledge.**

The motion picture **Roots of Happiness** will be shown at the April 11 Family Night at **Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro.** The theme for the evening will be **Spanish Americans.**

There was an area meeting of churches in the Burlington area with **Dr. James Bright** of the Department of Evangelism relative to the **M. O. R. E.** effort being carried on by our churches. This meeting was at the **Beverly Hills United Church of Christ.**

The **Eastern Virginia Pilgrim Fellowship** held their spring rally at the great Bridge Church on April 11.

On Tuesday evening April 20, the women of the **Lynnhaven Colony United Church of Christ** enjoyed hearing the Rev. Dr. H. S. Hardcastle as their guest speaker following dinner served by the Men's Fellowship.

Guest speaker for the Churchmen's Fellowship at **Monticello United Church of Christ, Brown Summit,** on April 4 was Mr. John Patterson, attorney from Burlington.

Dr. James Bright, Department of Evangelism of the United Church of Christ, met with the pastor and two laymen from each eastern Virginia church enrolled in M.O.R.E. to offer final instructions. This was held April 1, Bethlehem Church.

Eastern Virginia Conference C.E.A.'s met with Rev. John Lackey on April 6 for study and information. This was a dinner meeting.

The Wider Outreach Committee of the **United Church of Raleigh** had a visit with the Rev. Judson King at Franklinton Center, Bricks, last month. This committee has begun making contact with overseas students at Shaw and St. Augustine's in Raleigh. Members of the church are encouraged to extend hospitality to some of these students.

The Senior High Youth Fellowship at **Long's Chapel United Church of Christ** is putting together **School Kits** and **Health Kits** to be sent to an American Indian Mission School.

Eastern Virginia

Churchmen's Fellowship

Rally

April 25 — 4:00

BAYSIDE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
VIRGINIA BEACH (BAYSIDE)

4:00 Registration

5:00 Program

6:30 Dinner ($1.50)

REASSURANCE

By Richard L. Jackson

Easter lies beyond Calvary. Eliminate the cross, and the morning of faith and hope that came to a little group of men and women in Jerusalem has no meaning. Out of the experience of tragedy developed the strength of confidence — life grows in power through surviving catastrophe.

The true spirit of Easter is less a light-hearted happiness than a resolute joy. It sings, but not with carefree abandon. There is a deeper note — a note that in some way transmutes pain and fear into glad triumph without wholly losing the memory of what lies behind or ignoring the road of struggle which lies before.

For Easter did not mean the end of conflict for those to whom it brought its quickening message. It meant rather an assurance of strength for whatever battles remained to be fought, whatever tasks had yet to be performed. It meant that the life and faith which had met the test of Calvary were equal to any other test that might have to be faced. Difficulties and hardships must still be encountered. The agony of martyrdom awaited many. Easter conveyed to them no promise of escape from these. Easter banished doubt, put an end to questioning about the final outcome.

That is the assurance we need today. We want to know that endurance has justifying purpose and that the struggle is not futile; that there is possibility for the fruition of life's high and immortal hopes. We want to know that when we hurl ourselves against the battlements of some hideous wrong in human society, or wrestle with some dark evil in our own lives; when we choose the way of sacrifice rather than of selfish advantage, and set the high values of spirit above material gain, we are putting a significance into life that is worth what it costs.

And the Easter story is the reassuring answer.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

Inspiration, Idol, or Status?

That Cross We Bear

Idol . . .

It seems hard to conceive of a whole nation of people willing to trust their faith and spiritual well-being to a statue or picture. Yet in the dark past of man and even today one can see examples of idol-worshiping nations.

Many African tribes still place their faith in idols. The Russians have been forced to almost worship the state, and a growing number of businessmen worship "the long green" or money, if you prefer.

Not to be forgotten is the possibility of a person to worship the cross as a God rather than a symbol of Christ. Seeing the cross as the god is harder yet to conceive. But could not that be the case when a person praises and prays to the cross at the altar but forgets its standards outside the church? In essence this person has found sufficient confirmation in the cross rather than in the true meaning of the cross. If he worshiped God then he could worship and glorify Him without the physical accompaniment.

The "idol" could also be the church building or the minister or any religious person because while our actions around these things or people may be entirely Christian, the real Christian follows his faith apart from religious symbols—in other words, in the world.

Status . . .

Referring again to African natives, in some tribes the wearing of a particular symbol is considered a gain in status. Sometimes it is a tiger's tooth or animal skin but in any case the wearer is very proud to be a wearer because it warrants so much respect.

In the same way it is also possible for one to wear a cross with social gains in mind. It can be worn by someone saying "Look at me, I'm a Christian, everyone look at me!" This cross can be material or it can be the words of a hypocrite. What is a hypocrite? It seems that he could be anyone who claims faith or religion while not in earnest. Acting Christian in places such as the Church while forgetting the commandments elsewhere can be defined as being a hypocrite.

Inspiration . . .

The true meaning of a cross was indeed to remind us of Christ's suffering for us . . . . Not an idol to be worshiped. If it were to be worshiped then our faith would be lost to a piece of metal. That is because our Religion believes in an intangible God who can make us, not the reverse.

But even without a cross along, or a church, or minister, we must be able to do good; in other words, without a reminder.

So what is it? Idol, status, or inspiration?

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Drama by Wake Chapel PYF

A drama titled "Dust of the Road" was presented by several members of the Senior Pilgrim Youth Fellowship on April 4. This is a one act play which lasts approximately twenty-five minutes. It is the story of Judas Iscariot who returns in the person of a tramp to persuade Mr. Peter Steele from selling his soul for $3,100.

A Sacrificial Meal

(This special meal was held at Calvary United Church of Christ, Thomasville, on March 28; the following announcement about it appeared in the Sunday morning bulletin.)

All members of Calvary Church are invited to attend a Sacrificial Meal served in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this Lenten event is to deepen our understanding and concept of sacrifice and penitence and to identify ourselves with the millions in our world who live and suffer in poverty and want.

The value of this token of self restraint and sacrifice will be lost if participants eat before coming and rush home after the service to eat a meal or even snacks. All are requested to withstand the temptation in order to experience (for once) the pangs of hunger that even in our prosperous country many experience as they go to bed each night. The offering, a part of the worship, will go toward our apportionment giving (designated for World Service) in the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. It will represent the cost of the meal you gave up or shared with the needy. This is a part of our YOUTH MINISTRY being sponsored by the Calvary Youth Fellowship. It will be served as closely as possible to the way in which persons eat today in refugee centers.

The Menu

A Thin Soup	**A Chunk of Bread**
Water	**Powdered Milk (children)**

CHRISTIAN YOUTH VISIT AIRCRAFT CARRIER

On Sunday, March 14, 1965, ninety-three young people from the Junior and Senior High Sunday School classes of the Suffolk Christian Church visited the U.S.S. America at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard for Protestant Divine Services, conducted by the Chaplain R. C. Fenning, Capt. U.S.N. The topic of the sermon, "When There Is No Answer," was taken from St. Matthew 15:23.

After church services, the group enjoyed a brief tour of the ship. It is indeed an inspiration to know how well the men in service are provided with spiritual worship and guidance.

P. F. GROUPS HEAR TALK ON ALCOHOL

Junior and Senior High P. F. youth from Suffolk were guests of the P. F. youth of Berea Christian Church, Driver, Va., Sunday evening, March 28, 1965, to hear a talk on "Harmful Uses of Alcohol." The speaker, Dr. Wayne W. Womer, Executive Secretary of the Alcohol Education Council, Inc., of Virginia Churches, was introduced by Rev. Robert Bennett.

Dr. Womer gave a very interesting talk on harmful uses of alcohol after which he showed a film on the dangerous effects of alcohol to the human body. After the talk and film, refreshments were served by the Ladies' Fellowship.

P. F. OFFICERS HOLD MEETING

The Junior High P. F. officers of the Eastern Virginia Conference met Saturday evening, March 27, 1965, in the home of Rev. Bill Simmons, Field Secretary, for the purpose of planning for their Spring Rally.

It was decided that the Rally would be the first Sunday in May, 1965, at Eure Christian Church, Eure, N. C., at 3:30 o'clock. It was also decided that the Rally would be held out-of-doors (weather permitting) and the theme would be "Western Style Youth Rally" with western music, contests, campfire, refreshments and vespers.

Those present included: Mary William Baines, Pres.; Vicky Bell, Sec.; Janet Ashley, Treas.; Ann Simmons, Faith Chairman; Mrs. Ashley, Advisor; Mr. Rodney Nelson, Advisor; Rev. Bill Simmons, and visitors—Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. Baines, Mr. Bell and Mr. Wilson Miltier. After the meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. Simmons.

MRS. LEON EDGAR SMITH

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ella Brunk Smith, a true servant of Jesus Christ and a faithful member of His church, departed this life March 16, 1965, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith devoted her life in faithful service through her local church, the Conference and the Southern Convention, and

WHEREAS, she further extended her Christian usefulness as a good neighbor wherever she lived, and

WHEREAS, she ably bore Christian witness in loving and loyal support of her esteemed husband, Dr. Leon Edgar Smith, who served as a pastor for many years and as President of Elon College for twenty-six years, and

WHEREAS, her faithfulness is cause of our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for her life;

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved:

First, that we the members of the Executive Board of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches in session at Elon College on March 23, 1965, note with sorrow her passing, but with rejoicing her victorious Christian life, and Second, that we write this resolution upon the permanent records of this Board and the Southern Convention as an expression of our gratitude for the life of this good woman, and therefore pledge ourselves to recall to our profit and example the personal charm, grace and faithfulness of her life, and Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Dr. Smith and that they be printed in THE CHRISTIAN SUN.

Mrs. Robert Kimball and Dr. A. L. Hook
For the Executive Board

AT BETHLEHEM

Family School Of Missions

Bethlehem Church in Suffolk, Virginia, has been observing the Lenten Season by holding a Family School of Missions for the six Sunday nights preceeding Easter. There is a planned program and activities for all ages.

March 7 **Youth Ministry in the Missions of the Church**
Program presented by the youth of the church and slides shown on the Travel Seminar taken this past summer.

March 14 **Home Missions**
Rev. W. W. Snyder of our Christian Home for Children was guest speaker. Slides were shown of our Home, of the children there, and of their many activities.

March 21 **Spanish Speaking Neighbors**
Guest speaker will be Mrs. Gaskild, a worker with Spanish speaking migrants on the Eastern Shore who will show slides of these people and their work.

March 28 **Fifty Two New Nations**
Mrs. Alfred will summarize our study book on the 52 new nations. A play "Wet Blanket" will be prepresented by our local church women and directed by Mrs. Horace Oliver Jr.

April 4 & 11 **Bible Study**
Led by Mrs. James Klages. The book to be reviewed is "Salty Christians."

As a conclusion to our School of Missions, on Thursday night before Easter, the Senior High young people will sponsor a Holy Communion Service. Our Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Hillcrest Baptist, a neighboring church. Jesse Weaver of our church will be the speaker for the service. The worship program and special music will be provided by the Junior Choir and the Junior High young people of Bethlehem.

The Conviction Of Eternal Life

By DR. FRANK R. HAMILTON

From the earlier days of man's sojourn on this earth, he has had a hope that life was eternal. In the earliest civilizations of ancient days we find that hope. In old Mesopotamia, 5,000 years before the birth of Christ, men believed in the immortality of the soul. It was a vital hope in the era of the building of the pyramids in Egypt. Plato made it a part of his loftiest philosophy, and that hope sustained Socrates, in drinking the poisoned hemlock, the belief that no evil thing could happen to a good man. Cicero wrote, "There is in the minds of men, I know not how, a certain presage, as it were, of a future existence — and this has taken deepest root in the great geniuses and the most exalted souls." Even Robert Ingersoll, the noted agnostic, who proclaimed his doubts across America, said at the grave of his brother, "From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no word — but in the night of death, hope sees a star, and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing." Yes, always men have held this hope of immortality.

Were it not for Jesus Christ, that is as far as we would be able to go — only as far as a longing or hope would take us. It would be a surmise only, just a conjecture. But our Lord took that flickering hope and kindled it into a living and abiding flame. He made the hope a conviction! The basis of His belief was twofold: That man, as a child of Almighty God, possessed an immortal life; he was made in the Divine likeness; secondly, God, the loving Father, would not abandon His children by having the cruel advent of death snuff out all man's endeavors and dreams.

Jesus put a new and richer content into our concept of eternal life. He gave life a quality so rich, so full, so enduring that death was powerless to destroy it. On that conviction our Lord staked everything. He went to the Cross in the unwavering assurance that death had no means of preventing the continuance of His blessed ministry, but that, rather, death would release Him, with enhanced power, to win His victory.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the vindication of His faith and the basis of our conviction, in turn, that death has no dominion over the soul of man, made in the immortal image of God. As John Oxenham phrased it, "Death is no foe, but every man's best friend. Death is life's true beginning, not its end. Death is the Opener of a golden door — to that high life that goes from more to more."

The Apostle knew this assurance; he held this conviction. "Jesus Christ, who has abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel." "When this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, 'Death is swallowed up in victory!'." "Thanks be unto God, Who hath given us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ!"

This is the conviction of Easter. It was just that conviction that started the Christian Church and furnished the Church the momentum for its growth through the centuries. The conviction is ours, to maintain!

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Southeastern Child Care Association Meeting

March 29, 1965

Dear Friends:

Last week the Southeastern Child Care Association met in its 60th annual meeting at Charleston, South Carolina. It was my privilege to attend this meeting along with my assistant, Mr. John D. Biggerstaff. In our opinion, this was one of the best Southeastern Child Care Association meetings that we have ever attended. The theme was "Helping Our Children to Understand and Improve Their Relations."

The conference got underway on Tuesday evening at 7:30 with Dr. W. B. Oglesby, Dean Pastoral Counseling, Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, giving the keynote address.

This was followed by a program by the Oak Grove Children's Home at Charleston, S. C. After the benediction, a social hour was enjoyed by all present.

On Wednesday morning after a general session, the Conference was divided into three institutes. One for houseparents; another for caseworkers and a third for executives. The workshop leader for the houseparents was Mr. John Baughman, Executive Director, Alexander Children's Home, Charlotte, N. C.

The leader for the caseworkers was Samuel R. Fudge, Field Consultant for the Group Child Care Project at Chapel Hill; and the leader for the executives was Dr. W. G. Oglesby, Jr. It was my privilege to attend the institute for executives which was conducted for just one session. This one session was certainly one of the finest institutes for executives we have ever attended. Wednesday afternoon the business matters of the Association claimed the executives' attention.

Reports from the other two institutes which met both in the morning and afternoon also indicated an excellent opportunity for sharing and getting new ideas. In the afternoon the executives took under consideration a number of recommendations concerning constitutional changes for the Association. After due consideration, recommendations were made which were later adopted by the entire association in a business session. These changes adopted will strengthen the organization in its effort to better serve the institutions that make up this organization. The Southeastern Child Care Association not only sponsors this annual Conference, but it also co-sponsors with the School of Social Work at the University of N. C. the child care project. A report on this project was made by Mr. M. T. Lambeth, Superintendent of the Children's Home, Winston-Salem, N. C. The Conference was closed by one of the most inspirational and outstanding addresses heard by this writer in a long time. The speaker was Dr. I. G. Greer, former Superintendent of Baptist Homes for Children in North Carolina and now residing at Chapel Hill, N. C.

Your writer served as Chairman of the Nominating Committee this year. The following were nominated and elected to their respective offices.

President—Mrs. Grace V. Cunningham, Miller Home, Lynchburg, Va.

Vice-President—H. Sanford Howell, Jr., Episcopal Home, York, S. C.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Myrtice H. Price, Bethesda-Savannah Home, Savannah, Georgia

Members of the Executive Committee at large—
Mr. William Jones, Sumter, South Carolina
Charles E. Bidler, Rockwell, South Carolina

Membership Committee appointed by the President included—
Mr. John D. Biggerstaff, Elon College, N. C., to a three-year term, Chairman
Mr. Leon Smith, Richmond, Virginia, to a two-year term
Mr. Robert Bruton, Lexington, N. C., to a one-year term

REPORT FOR MARCH 29, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$103.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	128.00
Western North Carolina Conference	204.00
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	142.50
Total	$577.50
Special Offerings	
Willing Workers Sunday School Class, Apple's Chapel Church, Elon College, N. C.	5.00
Mrs. Frederick Chamberlain, Housatonic, Mass.	1.00
Women's Assoc., West Avon Congregational Church, Avon, Connecticut	10.00
Ladies' Bible Class, First Congregational Church, Henderson, N. C.	25.00
Mrs. Mary Griffin, Liberty, N. C.	25.00
Women's Fellowship, Hawden Park Church, Worcester, Mass.	50.00
Women's Fellowship, Damascus Church, Sunbury, N. C.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mann, Burlington, N. C.	20.00
Union Christian Church, Virgilina, Virginia,	25.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. W. E. Butler	
In Memory of Mr. Lewis H. Aldridge	
In Memory of Mr. Jennings M. Bryan, Sr. (2 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mrs. Ada Deatherage	
In Memory of Mr. W. K. Wagner	
Total Memorial Gifts	24.00
Special Offerings	117.42
Total	$327.42
Total for the Week	$904.92

Robert W. Roschy Installed

On Sunday, March 28, 7:30 p. m., the Reverend Robert W. Roschy was formally installed as pastor and teacher of the Church of the Wide Fellowship (UCC) at Southern Pines. Participating in this service were the Reverends Clyde L. Fields (Superintendent), Lowell A. Smoot (Eastern No. Carolina Conference President), A. M. Campbell (Chairman of the Ministry Committee), Kenneth Register (Pastor, Beverly Hills UCC in Burlington), W. J. Andes (Pastor, Elon College Community Church—UCC), Mr. Ernest Chevalier (Chairman of Board of Deacons), Mr. John Sullivan (Member of Board of Deacons), Mr. William McAdams (Choir Director), and Miss Mary Stuart Harmon (Organist). A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

WAKE CHAPEL CHURCH AT WORK

These are busy days for the **Wake Chapel Church in Fuquay-Varina, N. C.** The men of the Wake Chapel Church conducted a lay Visitation program during February, meeting for a meal on each Wednesday night and then calling on families in the community. The Church will participate in a city-wide laymen's revival April 24 - May 2nd, with several members of the Church involved in the planning.

A suggestion box has been placed beneath the table in the vestibule of the Church for the purpose of providing constructive suggestions to improve the program and witness of the Church. A memorial fund and a cemetery fund have also been voted upon by the Wake Chapel Church. A new dossal curtain will be hung in the church sanctuary, and a Committee has been appointed to complete the project.

NEWS FROM BURLINGTON FIRST

The Newsletter from the **First Christian Church, Burlington, N. C.,** for April notes a Maundy Thursday Service, at which time members will be received into the fellowship of the church. The downtown Burlington churches will hold noonday services during Holy Week. Dr. Robert Kimball, pastor, will be the preacher on Thursday of Holy Week. Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast will be held at the Church.

It was noted that the Women's Fellowship had purchased new choir robes for the Junior Choir, and that the Board of Trustees had approved an expenditure of $800 to renovate the former Girl Scout room into a classroom for the John S. Graves Church School Class.

It was also noted that the Iris McEwen Class had voted to raise $1,000. to renovate their classroom and purchase new hymnals, and that the class had been conducting lay visitations during Lent.

HAYES CHAPEL HAPPENINGS

On February 21st Life Memberships were presented at our morning worship service to two active "senior" members of Hayes Chapel Women's Fellowship in Garner, N. C. These are the first given by the group. Mrs. Ruby Richardson and Mrs. Annie Carroll received the certificates from our Raleigh District Chairman (also our pastor's wife) Mrs. Conrad Cornelius.

This active group has recently purchased new chairs and tables for the Beginners Sunday School Classroom as their "home" project. Other material aid projects have included medical supplies for overseas, toothpaste and other bath supplies for Elon Home for Children, clothing for Raleigh Rescue Mission and several others.

Programs given this year have included "Salty Christians," Mission Study, Involvement and the devotions from "This is our Ministry" have also been enjoyed. Several members attended the District Spring Rally and the Spiritual Life Retreat held during March.

Before the year is complete, one more important project will have taken place. A committee is busy searching through the old minute books and will have the seven year history accurately compiled for the History Room at Elon. They have found that this task brings many pleasant memories and has been a challenge for things to be accomplished (and recorded) in years to come.

EUTAW P.F.

The Pilgrim Fellowship of the **Eutaw United Church of Christ, Fayetteville, N. C.,** has raised a total of $160. by delivering catalogues for the Western Auto Store in the Eutaw Community. The P. F. has also been engaged in a series of Bible Study lessons recently. Rev. A. M. Campbell is pastor of the Eutaw Church.

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NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE DAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 25th

Sunday, April 25th, is National Christian College Day. On that day all over America Church people of all denominations will be remembering our Church-related Colleges in their prayers and by special gifts. More than 442 Protestant Church-related Colleges in America will on April 25th pay tribute to their Christian heritage. Let the Church of our day rejoice that the Fathers and Mothers of our Nation in personal sacrifice and with devotion to Christianity and education established our Church Colleges.

Elon College has prepared Bulletin Inserts which will be mailed to the Churches of the Southern Convention for use on National Christian College Day. Let us remember our College on that day—and the young people who study there and the men and women who teach them.

RESEARCH GRANT AWARDED HAYES

The Warwick Congregational Christian Church has voted to change the legal name of the church to the Warwick United Church of Christ. The Church has also granted ten weeks of leave for her pastor, Rev. Victor Hayes, in order that he might accept a Ph. D. research grant for study during the summer.

WINDSOR LENTEN SCHOOL

Our church has had the Family Lenten School on each Sunday night since the first Sunday in Lent. This will conclude with services during Holy Week on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. We will celebrate Maundy Thursday with a Communion Service. At 6:00 A. M., Sunday, we will have our Easter Service with special Easter music by the choir.

The Family Lenten School has a class for the small children while the adults have a program in the church auditorium. After having a period of devotions, the pastor, Rev. W. A. Grissom, discusses episodes in Christ's life, which are given in the film on "The Life of Christ." These pictures are very clear and easily understood. These Lenten services are well attended, having about 125 on each Sunday. The experiences of Christ's last days are given with renewed meaning.

NEW BROCHURE FOR GREENSBORO CUUC

The Congregational United Church of Christ, Greensboro, N. C., with Dr. W. E. Wisseman as pastor, is to be congratulated upon the preparation of a most attractive informational brochure for distribution among members and new-comers to Greensboro. Churches desiring a copy for information and study may write to Miss Dorothy Ballinger, 400 Radiance Dr., Greensboro, N. C.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Why?

The "Why?" questions of life need to be given consideration from both the human and the divine perspectives. Though more familiar with our own, it is none-the-less possible to obtain glimmerings of the divine "Why?" as well. From man's point of view, experiences of death often evoke a bewildered "Why?" from those remaining in our midst. It is a self-centered question of doubt. It recognizes the personal discomfort or loss, the unpleasantness of the moment; the uncertainty of shallow religiosity is reflected in its bewilderment. To overcome this, there has been the resurrection of a man of Nazareth.

In the light of the resurrection experience, in which many first century Christians shared by becoming witnesses to its actuality, the self-centeredness of the human "Why?" is replaced by the "Why?" of God. In the affirmationn of the indestructible Life, several things are stirred up as possible responses.

Of major importance, the horizons of mankind have been extended by the infinite dimension of faith in a creating, sustaining, and resurrecting God. The end--death--has been transformed from a dark, cold crypt of hopelessness into a doorway opening upon the reality of God. The end, because of the fulfillment of life made apparent in the risen Jesus of Nazareth, has become a point of transition.

In considering the "Why?" which God asks, the dimension of judgment must be introduced. Why did this transitional process, death, take place when it did and as it did in any given instance? Where is the responsibility to be placed? Is it a part of the orderly total process set in motion by God eons ago? Or is responsibility to be inescapably assigned to the ignorance of man, his neglect or his selfishness? It is a judgment made by God and, at times, within the consciences of His human creatures.

As much of life as can be extended by the individual is required to prepare for the transition. There is never enough. Some grow more slowly than others in the God-centered maturity. Some make the discovery and the decision late that such maturity is a primary requisite for partaking of the supreme reality of God, sometimes symbolically called "Heaven." But it is never too late to begin growing.

Because there was that to which we refer as the Resurrection, though we slip into the despair of self-centeredness in the death-experience, this temporary lapse is transcended through faith by the assurance that this "ending" of a relationship in our lives is the beginning of a new and utterly incomprehensible "experience" for the one making the transition.

Perhaps the "Why?" of God includes something of the "Why art thou disquieted?" And in reply, over the centuries, the emptiness of death is filled with the fullness of the divine "Why?" answered in the resurrection.

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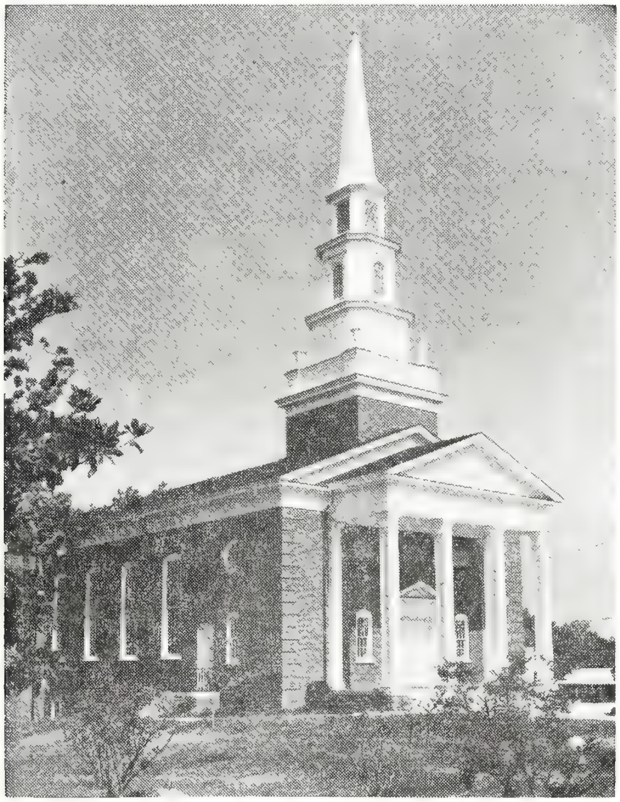

The Elon College Community Church

"We, therefore, . . . establish upon a permanent basis an institution of high grade for the purpose of promoting education, morality and religion.

"This age demands men of such culture, both in the pulpit and in the pew, as can meet the enemies of the Cross, anywhere, with the truth as it is in Christ."

—From the Resolution of the Southern Christian Convention, September 13, 1888, which founded Elon College

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Elon College Issue

National Christian College Day
— April 25 —

Sunday, April 25, will be observed throughout the nation as National Christian College Day. Protestant church-related colleges across the nation will join in observing this special day. To these 442 private church-related institutions it is an important day—a day when they pay tribute to their founding denominations. About one of every four colleges and universities in the United States is related to Protestant churches with a membership of more than 50,000,000 persons. Churches have traditionally pioneered higher education in the world and it is fitting that they be honored on this National Christian College Day in 1965. For more than 300 years colleges founded by church people have educated many of America's great leaders, and we are happy to urge that on Christian College Day especially you remember your college. The United Church of Christ must maintain its Christian colleges such as Elon as a means of examining our faith through reason, as an avenue for relating our faith to the vast body of knowledge in the world, and as a means of demonstrating to the nation the essential partnership of love and truth in the life of the whole man.

Both the Church and the College are indispensable to the welfare of the whole man. Because of their interdependence in the task of developing the whole man they must live and work together in the closest possible relationship.

It is the object of the observance to give church members and the community at large a better understanding of the needs and situation of the church-related colleges and to suggest ways in which these colleges may be strengthened and supported.

Elon College was founded by the Church, and for 76 years has served the Church well. The story of the Southern Convention is very largely the story of Elon College. It is hoped that on April 25th—National Christian College Day—all those worshiping in our Churches will pray for those responsible for the operation of our College—the President and his Administrative Associates; the Board of Trustees; and for those who generously support Elon by their gifts. Let us on that day pray for the young men and young women who study at our College.

The Purpose, Nature, Aims Of Elon College

Elon College is a four year co-educational liberal arts college established for the purpose of offering to young men and young women the opportunity to obtain a general cultural education in a moral and religious atmosphere.

When a few hardy souls in 1888 undertook to build a college for the "Christian Church" of the Southern Convention, the Civil War was only 23 years away. Crippled soldiers, widows, orphans, and a few able-bodied men had set themselves to building a new civilization where the old had been destroyed. Elon College opened its doors in 1890 to offer educational opportunities for the leaders of the new times which were dawning. Chartered by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina on March 11, 1889 "to afford instruction in the Liberal Arts and Sciences," **The College is now in its 76th year.** It is supported by the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, an Acting Conference of the United Church of Christ.

As a Church-related College, Elon College believes it is its responsibility to promote Christian vocations, offering instruction and counseling designed to provide a thorough pre-theological education. Its success in this field is attested to by the large number of its alumni engaged in Church vocations.

Historically, the College has played a significant role in teacher education. A program of instruction and experiences designed to prepare teachers for elementary and secondary schools continues to be a major objective of the College.

The general educational program of Elon College, promoting the arts and sciences, guides and equips students for graduate training looking toward the professional and scientific vocations in service to our nation and the world.

Elon College senses its responsibility to the community in which it is located and seeks to provide cultural and educational opportunities for the citizens of its area.

In accordance with the provisions of its charter, it is the aim of Elon College to help each student to acquire:

A PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE which is founded upon and motivated by the beliefs and spiritual values of the historic Christian Church, and which will be reflected throughout his life in terms of high ethical standards, wholesome attitudes, and significant religious insights and devotion.

AN UNDERSTANDING of his responsibilities and rights as a citizen in a democratic culture, a recognition of the intrinsic worth of other individuals, and an intelligent awareness of world cultures, conditions, events, and issues.

A LOVE OF LEARNING sufficient to promote his continued intellectual and cultural growth which comes out of sharing in an invigorating intellectual and cultural climate during his college career.

A BASIC KNOWLEDGE in the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences, and an appreciation of the mutual relationships existing among these areas.

AN UNDERSTANDING of the content and an achievement of competence, in the procedures of at least one field of knowledge as preparation sufficient for graduate or professional study.

THE ABILITY TO THINK critically, logically, and creatively, and to communicate effectively by means of the written and spoken language.

A SENSIBILITY TO AESTHETIC VALUES through experience and study in the fine arts and through opportunities to develop competence and excellence in the performing arts.

A KNOWLEDGE of the principles of health and physical fitness, and skills useful for participation in wholesome recreational activities.

A RECOGNITION of his abilities and aptitudes through counseling and guidance in the choice of an appropriate vocation.

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

The Plus In Christian Higher Education

Church related colleges bear in common with other educational institutions the search for truth. Church related colleges are not content with less than excellence in learning. Church related colleges, such as Elon and Catawba, seek to provide quality education. Elon and Catawba differ from state supported colleges, only in the quantity of courses, not in the quality of courses.

The Southern Conference is fortunate to have within its geographical boundaries and joyful concern two fine church related colleges, namely, Elon College and Catawba College. Elon College was founded in 1889 by the Southern Christian Convention, and has been supported since 1931 by the Southern Convention. Elon is affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Elon is a four year, liberal arts, coeducational college, offering the A.B. degree with majors in twenty fields, and the B.S. degree in Chemistry, as well as pre-professional training in dentistry, law, engineering, and the ministry.

Dr. J. Earl Danieley is providing excellent academic and spiritual leadership as President.

Catawba College has been associated with the Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church for a number of years, and is now related to the United Church of Christ. Catawba is a senior liberal arts college offering the A.B. degree with majors in a number of fields. Dr. Donald Dearborn is the competent Christian President of Catawba. He set the tone for Catawba in his inaugural address, when he said: "I hope that Catawba College shall be a place where young men and women engage in fruitful dialogue, gathering the accumulated wisdom and knowledge of the ages, testing it against the demands of the here and now, choosing what is noble, discarding what is base, within the framework of a Christian community of scholars."

The added plus of a church related college is not the content of the courses, nor in the method of teaching. Here the church related college shares in common with state supported institutions these two basic concerns. The added plus of a church related college lies in the attitude or the flavor of the institution. A church related college is of Christian orientation and makes no apology for the Christian point of view. The church related college insists on moral and religious living as an official policy of the institution.

Another added plus of the church related college lies in its orientation or frame of reference. In a church related college, considerable emphasis is placed on religious heritage. The campus is made acutely aware of the close relatedness of the church and campus. At a church related college, the activities on the campus reflect the orientation of the school to the parent church with which it is related.

Therefore, in my judgment, the added pluses of attitude and orientation make a considerable difference in the pursuit for higher education. The need for and maintenance of church related colleges such as Elon and Catawba should be of prayerful concern to all the people of the new Southern Conference and the area.

Clyde L. Fields

ELON COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FACULTY SERVE

Rev. John S. Graves, Campus Minister, recently made a survey to discover the service being rendered by College faculty and students among the Churches in the area. The discovery makes an interesting story.

There are thirty-seven members of the faculty holding responsible jobs in Churches as teachers, officials, or serving on important committees. There are four students serving as Pastors in local Churches and one student is serving as a pulpit supply. Seven students are serving as organists and/or choir directors in local churches. Of no small value has been the visits to Churches by the Elon College Choir during the year, and the special services held by the Ministerial Association, and the assistance given by faculty and students in Christian Education among the nearby Churches.

The students and faculty at Elon College believe that it is their privilege and responsibility not only to study and participate in the learning process but that they should be partners in Christian Service.

SANFORD DISTRICT P.F. RALLY

The Spring Rally of the Sanford District Pilgrim Fellowship will be held at the First Congregational Christian Church in Sanford beginning at 2:30, April 25. Each person has been asked to bring sandwiches; beverages will be provided by the host church. The program will be planned by the Southern Pines P. F.; the devotions will be under the direction of the Fayetteville P.F.; the recreation is to be led by the Sanford P.F. Important business will be conducted at this meeting . . . P. F. groups in the area are urged to attend!

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Jerry Cameron, ministerial student from Northview Church, and a member of the Junior Class, has been elected President of the Student Body at Elon College for 1965-66.

MR. W. B. WILLIAMS

Funeral services were held for Mr. W. B. Williams at the Peninsula Funeral Home, Newport News, Virginia, on Tuesday, April 13th, at 3:30 P. M. Rev. Carl Wallace presided at the service. Mr. Williams was a past President of the Eastern Virginia Conference and past President of the Southern Convention Churchmen's Fellowship. THE CHRISTIAN SUN expresses sympathy to Mrs. W. B. Williams in the loss of her husband.

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The Leon Edgar Smith Scholarship Fund

Dr. Leon Edgar Smith

The Leon Edgar Smith Scholarship Fund has been established at Elon College, honoring Dr. Smith, the 5th President of the College (1931-1957). The new scholarship fund is a well earned and worthy tribute to this good and faithful servant. It is most appropriate that this scholarship Fund should be established to honor Dr. Smith, an able educator and wise College administrator. This Fund will become a part of the College's permanent endowment. The income will be used to aid worthy and needy students. Gifts to the Fund will make contributors to it instruments of continuing the work Dr. Smith has so ably done.

Mr. John T. Kernodle, a Christian layman and publisher of The Christian Sun for many years, initiated The Leon Edgar Smith Scholarship Fund and has made generous contributions to it. It is hoped that a Fund of not less than $20,000 may be raised. Already contributions are coming in for it, and the amount now exceeds $3,000. Anyone desiring to make a contribution to the Fund should make the check payable to **The Leon Edgar Smith Scholarship Fund** and mail it to Dr. William T. Scott, P. O. Box 125, Elon College, North Carolina.

In 1931 Elon College called upon Leon Edgar Smith, successful Pastor, and dedicated Churchman, to assume the Presidency. For the next 26 years, the fortunes and fate of Elon fell upon the mind, heart, and shoulders of Dr. Smith.

Assuming the Presidency of Elon in the fall of 1931, in the depth of the National "depression," he led the College out of a period of financial difficulty that threatened the school's very existence. Men of lesser courage and ability would have been crushed by the load he was asked to bear.

With courage, Christian dedication and wise management, Dr. Smith went about his task. Under his leadership, the student body increased, and many able teachers were added to the faculty. Endowment funds were substantially increased, and many buildings were erected, including a new and modern Power Plant, Memorial Gymnasium, McEwen Dining Hall, Virginia Hall, Carolina Hall, and other facilities. Another dormitory for young men, initiated by Dr. Smith but completed under Dr. Danieley's administration was named Leon Edgar Smith Hall.

We salute Dr. Leon Edgar Smith and with joy we dedicate in his honor this Scholarship Fund bearing his name.

Mr. John T. Kernodle

Vacation Church School Workshops

During early May, the joint Christian Education Committees of the Southern Conference have scheduled several workshops for workers in summer VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS in our area. Announcements have gone to all churches.

Vacation Church Schools are vital parts of our educational mission. They should not be planned at the last minute in a haphazard way. Nor should standards be lowered in teaching and materials. Leaders need to be exposed to sound practices and a basic understanding of high quality teaching materials. The opportunities for a real ministry for children and young people in VCS cannot be wasted by shallow goals and poor planning.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION OF ELON COLLEGE

The "MA" is composed of students of Elon College preparing for the Pastoral Ministry and other Christian vocations. They meet each week for programs and discussions. Jerry Moore of Bethlehem Church, Altamahaw, N. C., is the President, and Jerry Cameron of the Northview Church, Sanford, N. C., the Vice President. Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds is the Faculty Advisor.

The Elon College Board Of Trustees

The Charter of Elon College provides that there shall be 36 elected members of the Board of Trustees and of this number at least 24 must be members of the Congregational Christian Church. In addition to the 36 members, there are 4 ex officio members of the Board (voice without vote), including the President and the President Emeritus of the College, the President and the Superintendent of the Southern Convention of the Congregational Christian Churches. Presently the elected members of the Board are composed of 27 Congregational Christian, 3 Presbyterians, 2 Episcopalians, 3 Methodists and 1 Baptist as follows:

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Dr. L. E. Smith, Virginia Beach, Va.—Christian Temple, Norfolk, Va.
Dr. J. E. Danieley, Elon College, N. C.—Elon College Community Church

Elon College Singers Present "Seven Last Words Of Christ"

The Elon College Singers presented their eighteenth annual Easter season rendition of Theodore Dubois' famous cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," in Whitley Auditorium on the Elon Campus at 4 o'clock on Palm Sunday afternoon, April 11th.

For many years the college choir sang "The Seven Last Words" on the afternoon of Easter Sunday, but the annual program was switched to the afternoon of Palm Sunday when the college began scheduling its annual spring vacation to include the Easter weekend.

The Dubois cantata, as perhaps no other does, tells the story of the first Easter and of the sufferings of Christ on the cross. The cantata is of scriptural background, telling of the seven great words of Christ during his sufferings on the day of crucifixion.

Many music lovers in this area have heard the Elon Singers present the cantata year after year, but they always look forward each time to the dramatic climax that comes with the singing of the "Seventh Word" and its ensuing organ interlude.

The program this year was once more presented under the direction of Prof. Wendell Bartholf, with Prof. Fletcher Moore again playing the organ accompaniment. The Elon Singers featured a chorus of more than forty voices, with three guest soloists in featured roles.

Two of the three guest artists are Elon graduates, and their appearance in the great Easter cantata recalled for them earlier appearances in the program during their student days. Mary Anne Johnston, one of the two Elon graduates, is a public school music teacher; while Charles Lynam, a member of the Elon music faculty for many years, is now a faculty member at High Point College.

TO SPEAK AT GRADUATION PROGRAM

Gov. Dan K. Moore Will Speak At Elon

North Carolina's Governor Dan K. Moore will deliver the commencement address when Elon College presents diplomas and degrees to its seniors on Monday morning, May 31 at finals of the college's 1965 commencement program.

Governor Moore's acceptance of the invitation to address the Elon graduates has just been announced by Dr. J. E. Danieley, Elon's president, who states that the Elon commencement exercises will be a three-day affair, beginning on Saturday, May 29, and concluding with the graduation program on Monday. The baccalaureate sermon is set for Sunday, May 30.

In accepting the Elon commencement invitation, Governor Moore becomes the first North Carolina chief executive to address an Elon graduating class in thirteen years. The last previous instance in which a governor spoke at an Elon graduation program was in 1952 when the late Governor W. Kerr Scott came back to his home county of Alamance to speak at the Elon exercises.

Governor Moore, now in the early months of his term as the state's chief executive, is only climaxing a long period of public service in serving as governor, for he began with public offices in his home town of Sylva and home county of Jackson and progressed through service in the state legislature, as solicitor for his judicial district and as a Superior Court judge.

In this life of public service, he is only carrying on a family tradition, for he descends from a Western North Carolina family with a long tradition of public service, a tradition which dates back to the American Revolution and the pioneer settlement of the mountain section of the state.

His great-great-great grandfather, Captain William Moore, commanded troops in western North Carolina in 1776, and in reward for that service he was granted land after the Revolution. He turned west in 1787 and is generally credited with being the first permanent settler west of the Blue Ridge in the state's Land of the Sky.

That was only the beginning, for the Moore family in the intervening years is credited with having furnished the state with a speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, a congressman and three Superior Court judges. His father was a Superior Court judge at the age of 28, and Governor Moore was only following his father's footsteps in being named to the judicial bench.

Moore himself is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, having received both his undergraduate and law training there, but he has long been active as a Methodist laymen and since becoming governor has more than once expressed his interest in the continued growth and progress of church-related institutions such as Elon College.

What Is A Man's Money?

"A man's money is an extension of his body, an enlargement of that material, physical equipment through which his spirit works. Money is another pair of legs and lo, it can go where otherwise we could never go, walking amid the need of China today or ministering in India and the Islands of the Sea. Money is another pair of hands and it can go carry burdens that our fingers cannot touch in our community, our nation and around the world. Money is another pair of vocal chords, and it can speak where our voice cannot be heard, teaching and preaching where in personal presence we may never go. What a man does with his money, he is in a real sense doing with himself."

—(Selected)

"On National Christian College Day in 1965 we reaffirm our confidence in the relevance of Christian values to the search for knowledge. Our time is one of continuing crises in which error may be catastrophic. Our decisions as a nation must be based not only on knowledge but also upon wisdom. Intellectual integrity and Christian faith constitute the combined commitment of the Christian college. Through such a commitment the Christian college strives to combine knowledge with wisdom. On this day may both churches and colleges ask a divine blessing upon this venture."

—James M. Godard, President
Council of Protestant Colleges
and Universities

The Diamond Anniversary Fund

A total of approximately $540,000 of the $600,000 goal has been received in cash and pledges to April 1, 1965. The Church portion of the $600,000 for the DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY FUND is $225,000. We are happy to report that about $170,000 has been received in cash, Letters of Intent and assurances from 102 Churches of the Southern Convention. This means that we have to April 1, 1965 reached approximately 75.52% of the Church goal.

The Valley of Virginia Conference with contributions from six Churches has reached 18.87% of its minimum goal; the Eastern Virginia Conference has reached 78.81% of its goal; the Eastern North Carolina Conference 54.34%; Western North Carolina Conference 52.32%; North Carolina and Virginia Conference 83.75%.

The College hopes to reach the full goal by commencement day on May 31, 1965. We believe many Churches not yet having sent Letters of Intent, will do so before that time.

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The late Dr. Jay T. Stocking, eminent Congregational Christian minister, spoke eloquently and meaningfully on "IMMORTAL MONEY," telling us that money is a sort of extension of our life and talents and interests long after we may have passed from this earthly life. Money, said he, given to Christian Colleges opens doors of opportunity for young men and young women—doors that we may open by our gifts, or close by our refusal to give. Money is sacred stuff—not to be thrown away or wasted but to be used to help open doors to the abundant life.

ESTABLISHED BY BEQUEST

Vaughn Professorship Of Chemistry

Dr. L. L. Vaughan

The establishment of the **L. L. Vaughan Professorship of Chemistry** at Elon College has recently been announced by President J. Earl Danieley. The newly endowed chair of chemistry was made possible by a bequest to the Elon College Endowment Fund from the late Professor Lillian Lee Vaughan, Congregational Christian Churchman and a veteran educator at the N. C. State College, Raleigh.

Professor Vaughan, who died March 22, 1962, in this bequest to Elon College "for the interest of religious and educational purposes" thus continues beyond this life his faithful stewardship as a Congregational Christian layman. He was born April 5, 1884, in Southampton County, Virginia, the son of James Buchanon and Ida Matilda (Rawles) Vaughan. The Vaughan family were members of the Franklin Christian Church, Franklin, Virginia, where they were active in Church and community life.

Professor Vaughan graduated from N. C. State College, Raleigh, receiving the Bachelor of Engineering degree in 1906 and the Master of Science degree in 1909. He received the Master of Engineering degree from Columbia University, New York, in 1911. He joined the N. C. State College faculty as an instructor in 1906, became an Assistant Professor in 1909, and in 1911 became a full Professor. He remained at the Raleigh institution from 1906 until his retirement in 1949, where from 1920 until 1942 he served as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, and as Dean of the School of Engineering from 1942 to his retirement. He continued to serve in the institution as consultant following his retirement. In 1956, N. C. State College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, a fitting recognition of his distinguished career.

Growing up as he did in a church family, when he went to Raleigh, Professor Vaughan affiliated with the First Christian Church (which later became The United Church — Christian, Congregational, Friends). Here he at one time or another filled nearly every office in the Church during his long years of faithful services—including Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher, Deacon, Treasurer, Trustee, and Moderator. He also served as President and Secretary of the Eastern N. C. Conference of Congregational Christian Churches; Secretary of the N. C. Christian Conference, Inc.; as Treasurer of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, and in other denominational and interdenominational capacities. He was a valued member of The Board of Trustees of Elon College from 1928 to 1956. In addition to his Church and College relationships, Doctor Vaughan was a civic and fraternal leader. For many years he served as a member of the Raleigh Housing Authority. He held many State and National professional affiliations.

Professor Vaughan was married on December 20, 1911, to Miss Lula Olive Brewer of Raleigh. Mrs. Vaughan, like her distinguished husband, was a valued member of The United Church of Raleigh and served faithfully in the Church locally and in Conference and Convention relationships. She passed away several years prior to Professor Vaughan's death.

It seems fitting and right to those of us who knew Professor Vaughan and Mrs. Vaughan, that they should be remembered as friends and inspirations to young people whom they served so long and so well. The L. L. Vaughan Professorship of Chemistry in Elon College—a "Christian Church" College perpetuates their memory, and their concern that the Christian way of life should have emphasis in education.

Elon College acknowledges with gratitude the years of distinguished service of Professor Vaughan in the field of higher education, but more than that—the College is happy to perpetuate his name and his steadfast life as a Christian gentleman and Churchman.

Dr. Paul H. Cheek Named To Vaughn Professorship

Dr. Paul H. Cheek, a native of Alamance County and a member of the Elon College faculty since 1950, has been named to the newly endowed L. L. Vaughan Professorship in Elon's department of chemistry, according to an announcement from Dr. J. E. Danieley.

Dr. Cheek, first recipient of the endowed appointment in chemistry, graduated at Wake Forest in 1941 and received the Ph. D. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1950 in the field of organic chemistry. He has since done additional graduate work at Carolina in 1959 in college chemistry teaching, in radioisotope Technology at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies in 1962 and in molecular structure at Michigan State University in 1964, in each case on grants from the National Science Foundation.

He is a member of the American Chemical Society, the Society of Sigma Xi, the North Carolina Academy of Science and of Alpha Chi Sigma. He is a past chairman of the Central North Carolina Section of the American Chemical Society. He serves as instructor for radiological monitors for the Alamance County Civil Defense Agency.

Dr. Cheek is married to the former Miss Ruth Lloyd, who is also a chemist, holding the master's degree in chemistry at the University of North Carolina. They have four children.

Dr. Paul H. Cheek

The United Church Campus Christian Fellowship

OFFICERS OF THE ELON COLLEGE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST GROUP
From left to right, Rebecca Harward, Chairman, Durham, N. C.; Sharon Branch, Secretary, West Palm Beach, Florida; Andrew Rohrs, At Large Member of the Executive Committee, South Deerfield, Massachusetts; Jerry Michael, Vice Chairman, Elon College, N. C.

United Church of Christ students from Congregational Christian and Evangelical Reformed Churches at Elon College, as well as at other colleges and universities throughout the United States, are a part of the United Campus Christian Fellowship (U. C. C. F.). There are 234 United Church of Christ students at Elon this year. They have attempted to develop a program to help them to prepare spiritually and otherwise for better participation in the life of the Church. Meetings of the Elon U. C. C. F. have been held twice monthly during 1964-65.

After the initial U. C. C. F. meeting at which the officers were elected, Elon College and the Southern Convention were hosts to the U. C. C. F. members at a dinner held at the Holiday Inn in Burlington. At this time the members were introduced to resource people in the Elon area who might be of service in helping students in their development.

The first program of the year was presented by Mrs. William J. Andes. The topic was "The United Church of Christ." The U. C. C. F. felt that becoming more familiar with our Church was a good starting point for the year. This meeting provoked interest also in learning more about other faiths. To fill this interest of students, this spring semester we are having programs dealing with Judaism, Protestantism, and Roman Catholicism. On February 18th Rabbi Fred I. Rypins, Rabbi Emeritus of the Temple Immanuel in Greensboro, led a discussion on Judeo-Christian relations. On April 1, the Reverand W. W. Peters, Pastor of the Graham Presbyterian Church, met with the group for a discussion concerning the Protestant faith. In the future we plan to have two Catholic nuns join the group for a discussion on Catholicism.

For the most part the U. C. C. F. meetings have been informal, creating an atmosphere in which close fellowship may be experienced. In November we met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams in Burlington for a program of fun and fellowship. (Mrs. Williams is a member of the Elon College faculty.) We sang together and had refreshments. Mary Ann Barnes led in a Thanksgiving program.

The U. C. C. F. members have been fortunate in being able to get to know two foreign students at Elon from the Netherlands. On December 3 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. William T. Scott, Dineke Hietbrink told the group of Christmas in the Netherlands. On February 4 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kimball, Burlington, Ineke Koorne discussed with the group the customs of her country and gave her reactions to our customs. Through these two meetings we have developed fellowship with students from another country.

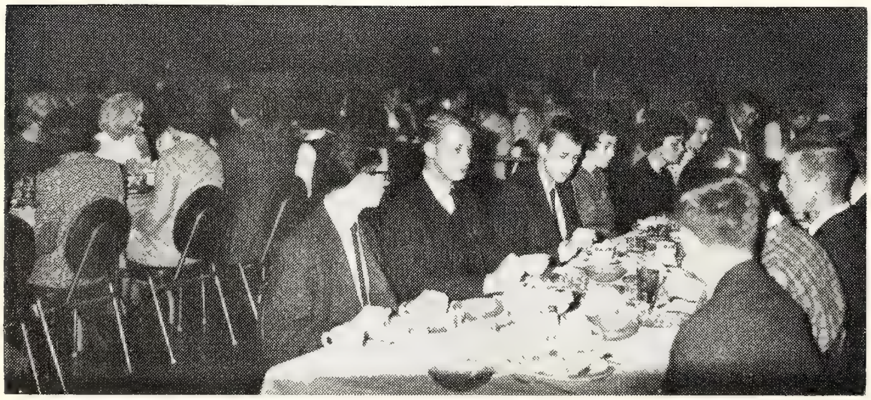
Before Christmas the U. C. C. F. participated in Christmas caroling to people in the Elon community. After caroling Dr. and Mrs. Danieley welcomed the group to their home for refreshments.

At the April 22nd meeting, the guest speaker will be Dr. George Nishimoto, New York City, Church Vocations Secretary for the United Church of Christ.

The U. C. C. F. members decided not to have dues this year but to have projects to earn necessary funds. Eleven members of the group served at a banquet held in McEwen Dining Hall on January 19. The members enjoyed the fellowship of serving together.

The U. C. C. F. program this year has been a varied one. We feel that the students have benefited much from their participation in the program.

—Becky Harward, Chairman of the
United Church of Christ
Fellowship Group



Pictured above is the United Church of Christ student group of Elon College at a banquet sponsored by The Southern Convention at Elon College.

Elon College And Elon College Community Church

Elon College and Elon College Community Church have been partners in Christian Service since the beginning of Elon College in 1890, when the College first opened its doors in September of that year.

Sixty-nine years is a long time! That is how long Elon College Community Church used Elon College facilities for Worship Services, for Church School Classes and for all kinds of meetings. The College furnished janitorial service, heat, lights, special music by the College Choir, and ministerial leadership. At the beginning, the Church was composed mostly of College faculty, students and related personnel, as well as a few persons from the community. The Church was able to pay more to "Conference Apportionments" than other Churches its size because of little "home expenses." Numerous gifted speakers from near and far were heard by the Church, for the College Pastor was either the President of the College, or a faculty member. Special guest ministers were frequently brought in to preach on Sunday. The first full time Pastors had offices on the College campus, and they often served as counselors to students and to student organizations.

During the past five and one half years, the Elon College Community Church has had its own building, located just off the campus. (See picture on cover page.) The Pastor has his office in the Church building, the campus Minister has his office on the campus. Now, there are two Ministers instead of one—Rev. John S. Graves, who works primarily with the students on the campus, and I work in the community and am responsible for the ongoing of the life of Elon College Community Church. Often our paths cross, but always we work together as partners in the Ministry of our Lord. What a joy it is to have such a congenial and cooperative co-laborer.

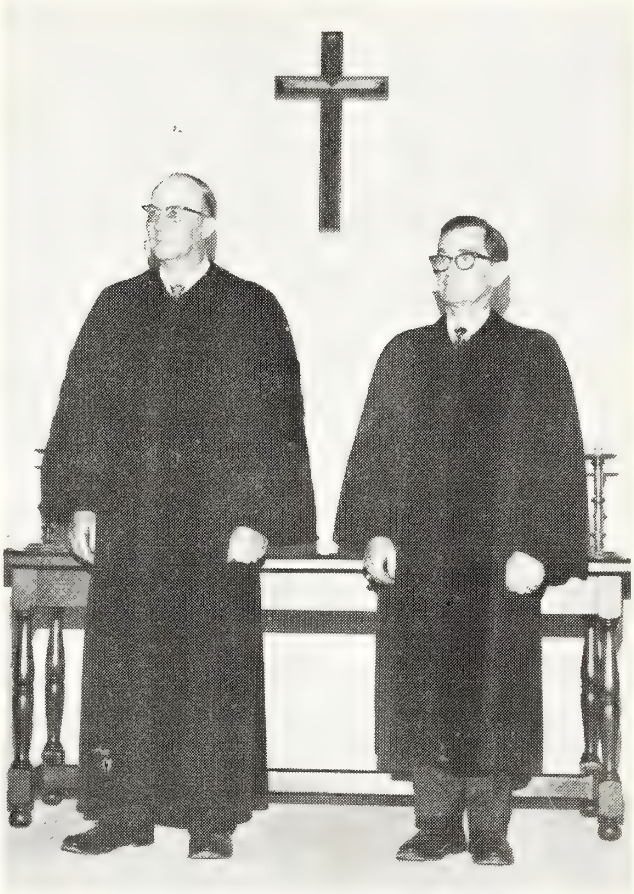
How does the local Church serve in the College life? Students are in attendance at the Church Services each Sunday, although not as many attend as we wish might. Many return home on weekends. Many visit here and there and worship in Churches of their own choice. Many of the faculty members are a part of the life of the Community Church, while others of the faculty attend the Church of their choice where they live.

We have tried Sunday School classes for students. These classes start out well at the beginning but tend to fade out of the picture. Yet, students are part of the teaching program as well as the studying program of the Church.

Twice each year the College fraternities and sororities attend the Church Worship in a body. Both the Campus Minister and the Community Church Minister share in these services. What a challenge it is for any minister to see before him these young people. The Church provides facilities for "rush parties" for the sororities as they get acquainted with the possible new members. What delicious food they prepare, and in what oriental atmosphere they provide for these prospective members!

College students are welcome to use Church facilities. Often you will find promising young musicians practicing on the organ, an alert student studying in the quiet of a Sunday School room, groups holding a social in the Parish House, or having a program in the parsonage. In the sanctuary of the Church building, young people will come and sit quietly while praying that there might be shed "light from above" on their personal and immediate problems. On the day that President Kennedy was assassinated, several hundred students gathered in the sanctuary for prayer—and there was no publicity to get them there.

Both Campus and Community Church ministers are busy with helping to solve problems of students—financial, marital, sickness, death, vocational, as well as emotional and parental. Mr. Graves has the more difficult time because he is on the campus and closer to the students.



Dr. W. J. Andes and Rev. John S. Graves

The United Church of Christ students are particularly close to the life of the Church, since they are "our" students. They present programs often to groups within the Church. They can feel that the Church is theirs and we are glad. They, as well as other students, share in the leadership of the Worship Services from time to time.

What a joy it is to go in and out of homes of students, as well as into homes of the members of the faculty and there minister as a servant of the Lord. What a privilege to try to widen horizons of youth and to deepen convictions. What a horror if we fail! And often we do! Pray for us.

Rev. Wm. J. Andes, Minister
Elon College Community Church

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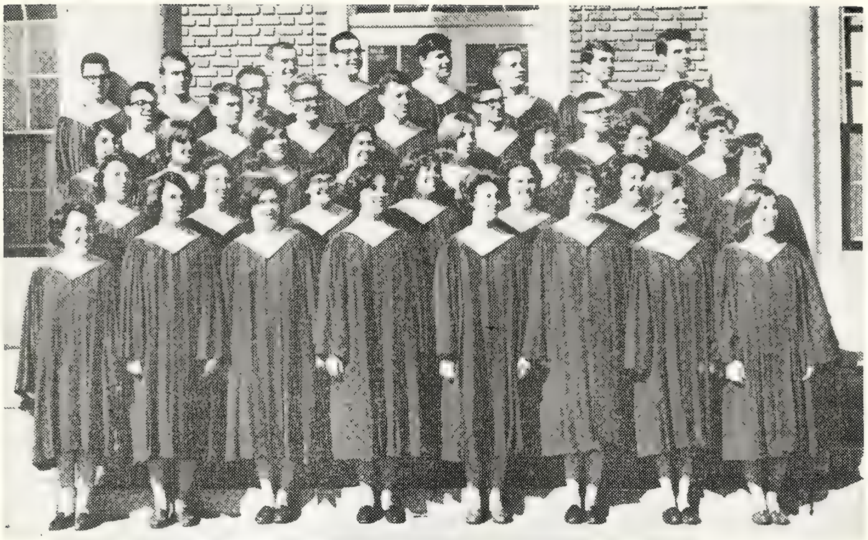
ELON CAMPUS TO GET NEW HEAT SYSTEM

Coming as welcome news to both students and faculty of Elon College after the eruption of mud and steam from heat pipes near the library recently, is the announcement that a new heating system is to be installed on the campus this summer.

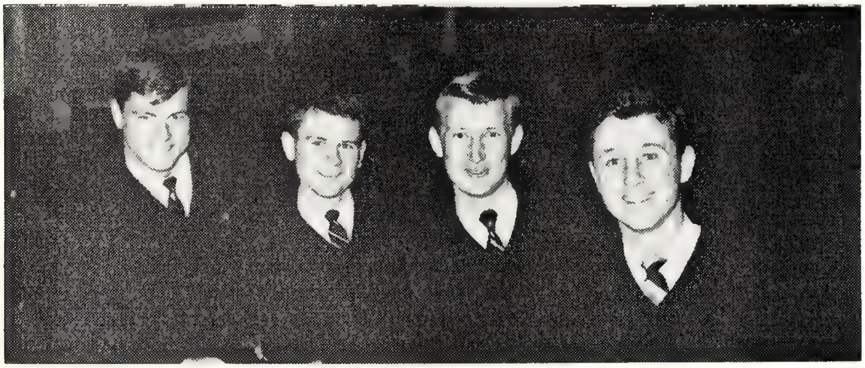
The plan for the removal of the present system of steam pipes and the installation of a new and modern system of heat distribution from the heating plant to all College buildings has been announced by Dr. J. E. Danieley, who stated that the new system will cost an estimated $200,000 when complete.



Elon College Choir Directed By Prof. Wendell Barthoff

ELON COLLEGE BAND

The Elon College Marching Band which is pictured above added much to the ten football games last fall. It appeared in a completely new role when it transformed itself into a concert group for the annual mid-winter and spring concerts. Members of this group also make up the woodwind ensembles and the Elon College stage band which is appearing again this year at the New York World's Fair in May.



THE ELON COLLEGE QUARTETTE

The Elon College Quartette is a favorite with students and alumni. They have appeared during the year at several programs on the campus and at Alumni Chapter Meetings. Members of the quartette, left to right, are Randy Smart, Norfolk, Va.; Fred Stephenson, Greenville, R. I.; Oscar Fowler, Whaleyville, Va.; and Wayne Kanoy, Hampton, Va. Wayne Bean, Greensboro, N. C., is their accompanist.

Music & Drama At Elon

Student participation in musical and dramatic activities at Elon gives great pleasure to the student body, faculty, and to the general public, at the same time affording to the students opportunity for developing their talents.

How fortunate we are at Elon to have such leaders as Dean Fletcher Moore, who is Chairman of the Department of Fine Arts and Professor of Organ and Piano; Wendell Bartholf, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of the Choral Music Program of the College; Walter Westafer, Associate Professor of Music; Jack O. White, Assistant Professor of Music, who leads the instrumental music program on the campus—including the Elon Marching Band, The Jazz Band, and the "Emanons of Elon"; and Professor Sandy Moffett, Assistant Professor of Dramatics, whose leadership in dramatics and folk music has added much to the life of the campus.

During the year the Elon College Choir has presented "The Messiah," and "The Seven Last Words" for a large College and community audience. The Choir also appears in local churches and for special occasions in the life of the College. The Band presents fall and spring concerts of classical and contemporary works, and the "Emanons of Elon" besides delighting local audiences will again in 1965 play at the World's Fair in New York City.

On May 6, 7, and 8, "South Pacific" will be presented by the music and dramatics departments.

The Community-College Orchestra directed by Mr. Malvin N. Artley, opened to College and other music lovers of the surrounding area unites the College and community in an enjoyable and profitable musical program.

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The Elon Home Report

Because of the special emphasis, this issue, on Elon College, the report of the Elon Home for Children for March 5 will appear in next week's issue along with the one for March 12.

LET'S LOOK AT WILLS

BY ASHBEY E. BLADEN

In the United Church of Christ almost every adult has accumulated possessions which will survive him. For all of us there comes a time when we must pass these possessions on to others. To do this by a will is our privilege as citizens. Studies show, however, that more than half of us postpone this obligation until it is too late.

Characteristic Reluctance.

This reluctance to make a will is characteristic of people of all classes and professions, including lawyers. By not making a will we fail to fulfill a duty to all those who are dependent upon us. The Christian should cherish the opportunity to perpetuate his life and influence through the distribution of his estate, and should therefore be concerned about the way such things are carried out.

So let's talk about wills and, while we are at it, let's make sure that we agree in our understanding of Webster's definition of a will as "a written instrument, legally executed, by which a man makes disposition of his estate to take effect after his death."

There are two points in this definition which we should discuss;

1. What is involved in the "legal execution" of our will?
2. Did we state clearly the "disposition" that we want to make?

Legal Requirements.

There are any number of cases that can be cited to show how carefully the legislatures and courts have set up and enforced rules concerning the legal execution of wills. These rules are to make certain that the document in question is, in fact your will. Although requirements vary from state to state, they generally provide that;

1. The maker of a will must be of a given minimum age, usually 18 or 21.

2. The maker must be of sound mind.

3. The making of the will must be free from fraud.

4. The maker of the will must sign it in the presence of two (in a few states three) witnesses, or show them his signature on the will and identify it as his signature.

5. The witnesses know they are witnessing a will and must sign it in the presence of the maker and in the presence of one another. (No one who may receive any benefit under the will should be a witness because his testimony regarding the maker's signature may disinherit him.)

A legally executed will seldom is broken. Even a whimsical will is accepted by the courts, if it is in good order, not against public policy and if the maker's intent is clearly stated.

Clarity of Expression

There is the second point I want to discuss: the importantance of clearly stating the distribution we want to make of our possession.?

Whether the estate is of small value or represents a great fortune, the economic life of today challenges us to make adequate——not enervating financial provision for our families. Many of us have other dependents for whose security and future we are equally zealous. Few of us want the inheritance to support a dependent in idleness. Nor do we want generosity to undermine a child's will to work. There are many ways in which the "distribution" of our estate makes a world of difference to those we love and who survive us.

After making sensible provision for our own families there is opportunity for philanthropic giving. Large charitable gifts by foundations and individuals are news. We read about them in the papers and are inclined to think that only the very wealthy are able to give thanks for God's work.

Fortunately many great fortunes which were accumulated before the graduated income tax were left in trust for a wide range of good and charitable purposes. Today it is difficult for a person to amass such a tremendous fortune. Many great fortunes have been or are being broken up by estate (death) taxes.

Wealth today is in the hands of tens of millions of the great middle income group. Here is where the responsibility lies today for the support of private educational, medical and religious institutions. This responsibility has shifted with the bulk of the nation's wealth from the very wealthy few to the moderately well-off many.

Foresighted Steward.

The Christian who has the fore-sight to make a will knows that he is a steward of God's gifts. He also knows that the continuing strength of the church and its expanded programs for its agencies undergird the security of his loved ones who outlive him. He is aware of danger to the church and opportunities for its ministries presented by our revolutionary times. In the making of his will the Christian has an opportunity to express his gratitude to God by a bequest which extends and supports God's work in the world.

When a will comes to the court only its written words can be considered. The legal significance of the words used will govern interpretation and control the distribution of the estate.

Another important provision of a will is the privilege it provides of naming an executor of the estate and a guardian for any minor children. One should name as executor the person most competent to manage and settle the estate according to the directions given in the will. It is even more important to choose a person to be the guardian of any children under 21 years of age.

Use of Attorney.

A will should be drafted thoughtfully, carefully, skillfully by an attorney of your choice, acquainted with the laws of the state in which you reside. His special training and experience qualify him to suggest ways of arranging plans that are sound, economical and efficient.

One economical advantage of an attorney is his acquaintance with tax law. The taxes to be paid on an estate are often determined by the way the will is drawn. One should take full advantage of marital deducations and gifts to church and charities. Do not hestate to ask your attorney for suggestions on ways to reduce the taxes on your estate. The United States Supreme Court has said: "anyone can so arrange his affairs that his taxes will be as low as possible; he is not bound to choose the pattern that best pays the treasury; there is no patriotic duty to increase one's taxes.

Attorney's charges for drawing a will are reasonable. The bill in most instances is from $25 to $50. The fee is influenced, of course, by the size of the estate and the complexity of the maker's plans.

The time to draw your will is now. To postpone this great responsibility may someday make it nesessary for the court to:

1. Select a person to manage (administer) your estate.

2. Select a guardian for your children.

3. Designate the persons who are to receive your property and say what shares will go to each, regardless of love, need or devotion.

None of this may be the way you wanted. But the statutes are inflexible and the court has no choice.

The Christian who has the foresight to make a will has the opportunity to look ahead, to weigh his responsibilities, to consider individual needs, to recognize special worthiness, to name an executor and nominate a guardian for his children.

(Persons planning to make a will for the first time, or who are considering changging their wills, may obtain helpful information by writing for "Wills Packet," from Commission on Development, United Church of Christ, 287 Park Ave. South, New York, N. Y., 10010.)

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NOTES FROM THE DESK

The Halls Of Ivy With The Plants Removed

One disadvantage of being close to something, on a continual basis, is that the simple truths of its existence are taken for granted. This is particularly so if we think highly of it to begin with. All sorts of impressive manifestations of its significance replace what, to others, would seem quite adequate and, indeed, appealing. We communicate using imaginative imagery, nearly-surrealistic symbolism, and sophisticated explanations of the qualities and character we hold to be important. True greatness, whether in a college or something else, is best measured by the depth of simple truths about its life. This, then, is a testimony by "one outsider" to the simple facts about Elon College, the school.

Not a small number of students come to Elon because "it has something to do with the church". Those in positions of responsibility and leadership are in most cases possessed with a Christian orientation toward life beyond the nominal use of the term Christian. Mundanities are provided for; gradually, the physical development is catching up, in a planned way, with the needs of the academic community. "What ought to be happening?" seems to be more important than "what can happen without too much difficulty?" It is this "ought" which marks the Christian perspective.

The students are encouraged to prepare for life by broadening their vision. Leadership recognizes the value of tradition, but the significance of relevancy in the face of change is of primary concern. It is relevancy exhibited in a healthy balance which exists between the scholarly and the non-scholarly; the pivot for this balance is the awareness, again Christian, that total education goes with total recognition of God in every aspect of life: social, intellectual, sports, spiritual, and in all inter-personal relationships. The wholesomeness of this "slant" on life encourages the development of whole persons.

The ratio of leaders to students is favorable to healthy exchanges of ideas. The accessibility of these leaders in an "idea community" is vital to nurture beyond conditioned learning. There is an openess about the life of the institution through which new ideas enter and outside voices are heard. Differences are less important than common hopes and needs. Change is not a threat, but a tool.

These are some of the simple facts about Elon. There are others. They never have to be manufactured, because they're there. They're often overlooked, taken for granted by those looking in upon the scene. Hardly ever is a trumpet blown for them. They should justifiably be the source of pride, just as they are the source for warmth and responsibility. They are reflected in the greetings of students, the interchanges in classes, and in the social life.

The great hope -- the inspired dream -- of the founders and perpetuators of Elon College is still becoming realized. It will never cease to be becoming, for Elon will grow as society grows in opportunities and needs.

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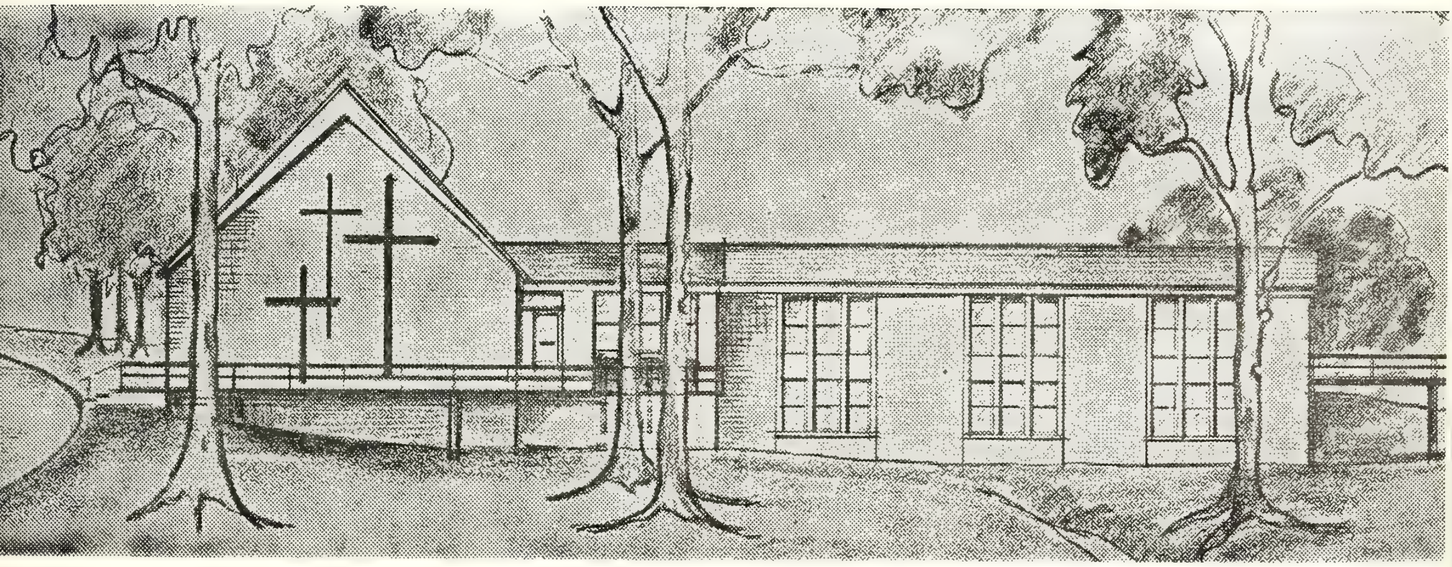

New Facilities Planned For Durham Congregational Christian Church

This architect's sketch shows the contemporary design of the new building to be constructed for the Durham Congregational Christian Church (United Church of Christ). This $260,000 church-educational center will be located at N. C. Highway 751 and Durham — Chapel Hill Boulevard.

Included in this edifice will be a sanctuary, thirteen classrooms, a fellowship hall, kitchen, office and pastor's study. Also planned are a choir room and a common room for discussion and study groups. The all-brick building will have stained wood arches in the sanctuary and a parquet floor. The architects, Harris and Pyne, have designed a contemporary facility to blend with the natural surrounding of its five acre, wooded site.

Mr. John F. Westfield, of the Division of Church Extension of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries in New York, is leading the fund-raising program for the church. Pastor of the church is the Reverend Richard L. Jackson. The last available report of progress reports that the drive to raise $80,000 for the building has been oversubscribed by $500.

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us?

/King James

And coming to his own country he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us?"

/RSV

He . . . came into his own country. Here he taught the people in their own synagogue, till in their amazement they said, "Where does this man get this wisdom and these powers? He's only the carpenter's son. Isn't Mary his mother, and aren't James, Joseph, Simon and Judas his brothers? And aren't all his sisters living here with us?"

/Phillips

Father, mother, brothers and sisters. At least part of the answer to the inquiry, "Where does this man get all his wisdom and power?", must be found in the fact that Jesus grew to manhood as a member of a family. God certainly works through our parents and siblings in influencing our lives.

Applied allegorically, the same question might be asked of each of us — where do any of us get any wisdom or power? And the reply must be that we get it within the family of God the Father, with our brother men, with the help of the Church, the bride of Christ.

Families are the people with whom we first try out our Christian faith and its resulting life-patterns. If we fail in our families, we can expect very little success in the larger family of our world. We are truest to the things in which we really believe when we are relating to those closest to us . . . when we leave the shelter of the group best familiar with our true selves, we erect veneers which sometimes convince others who know us less that we are more than our families realize we really are. If the faith we profess is not exemplified and strengthened in family relationships, it has little chance of growing to become a meaningful part of our lives.

Spring Thoughts

Against the light green budding leaves and soft blue sky, the strong dark limbs and branches of a waking tree stretch out as though to announce, once again, that slumber's done and Spring has offered resurrection from the Winter's rest.

Competing in their melodies, and rushing over lawns and through the waking foliage, the birds conduct their annual home-building projects—nature's pleasantest do-it-yourselfers. Unguided though they seem to be, their purposeful activities reflect a wondrous instinct.

Where, just the other day, the grays and worn out browns of lifeless remnants of a flashing Fall monotonously trembled in the sharp cold winds, now suddenly the verdant grass, the multitude of hues and shades of colors pertly waving in the warming airs of Spring proclaim that the vast explosion of nature's beauty has come.

Less of a man is he who sees naught of God in what now transpires about us. Less of a person if, in his escape from what he finds himself to be, a man denies the miracles which focus divine nearness in a season of new life for mortal minds to grasp more clearly. For just as certainly as God has given of Himself in the Christ, so also does He continually give of Himself in the order and resurrectional majesty of each new Spring.

Progress At Hampton First

Building is about 70% complete on the First United Church of Christ, Hampton, Virginia. The congregation expects to occupy the building sometime in May. Rev. Carl Wallace and the First United Church of Hampton, Virginia, are to be congratulated on the relocation and building program. First United Church of Christ, Hampton, Virginia, is the relocated congregation of the First Congregational Christian Church of Newport News, Va. Dr. Jesse H. Dollar served as pastor for a number of years.

The building program is being financed from the sale of the First Congregational Christian Church property in Newport News, and through capital funds secured from the sale of church bonds. There are still some bonds for sale by the church. Inquiry could be made to Rev. Carl Wallace, 66 Greenbrier Ave., Hampton, Virginia.

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The Christian Family

The Christian home is one where members of a Christian family live, work, and play. We could not and should not expect a non-Christian family to provide a Christian home. By the same token, we should rightly expect that a family made up of Christians should establish and provide a Christian home for the members of the family. Such a home should be a happy one.

The writer does not assume to be an authority on the Christian home. He does not possess some infallible information or some sure-fire formula for setting up a home without problems and heartaches. A Christian home bears also the cost and joy of discipleship.

There are some established, practical rules that lend themselves to providing for a Christian home. Let us list some of these rules:

1. A Christian Home is made up of Christians. The members of the family are believers in Jesus Christ and seek to serve him in worship and service. They are active members of a local church and are involved in the life and work of the local church.

2. Christ is the true head of the Christian Home. A Christian home does not have a male or female dictator with frightened and subservient children. Each member of the family lives in a mutual relationship of responsibility and privilege. Each member of the family recognizes Christ as the way, the truth, and the life. In him would be found the ultimate authority.

3. Establish the boundaries of responsibilities and privileges of each member of the family. Husband, wife and children could well look to the New Testament and the Holy Spirit for ethical and religious guidelines. Note a few verses from the New Testament in this connection:

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your husbands, as unto the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it." "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself, and the wife see that she hath reverence for her husband." (Ephesians 5:22, 25, 28, 33.)

"Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. (Colossians 3:20, 21.)

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment, that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth." (Ephesians 6:1-3).

4. Children help to make for a happy Christian home. It is unfortunate that some families are unable to have children of their own. Many have adopted children, recognizing that children are a natural part of a happy Christian home. Children are life's greatest joy. It is not all schooling and patience. There is no greater or more thrilling joy than to hold in your arms your own child. Does he have a turned up nose like his daddy? Does he have blue eyes like his mother (one might also say that there is no greater joy than to hold a grandson in his arms)?

5. Recognize that God made male and female and each compliments the other. Each has a normal love relationship need. Too many homes break apart when love relationships are forgotten or neglected.

6. Working together through mutual family finance planning, and having open doors of hospitality, acquiring friends, learning courtesy, developing initiative and desire for service; developing right attitudes toward in-laws; and helping provide good home influences make for an exciting venture in seeking to establish a Christian home.

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

The writer is old fashioned enough to believe that a Godly mother is still the queen of the home. Proverbs puts it this way in the following selected verses: "Who can find a virtuous woman, for her price is far above rubies? The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that she will have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. Strength and honor are her clothing, and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her chlidren rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also, and he praiseth her."

Clyde L. Fields
Superintendent

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75th Anniversary at Mt. Zion

Mt. Zion Church, near Eclipse, Virginia, will observe its 75th Anniversary on Sunday, May 16, with services beginning at 10:00 A.M. Dinner will be served for guests at 1:00 P.M.

Printed invitations are being circulated to members and friends of the Mt. Zion Church. Rev. James Madren is pastor of this active and growing congregation.

Installation at Palm Street

Rev. John Schofield will be installed as Pastor of the Palm Street United Church of Christ on Sunday, May 9, at 7:30 P.M. Rev. Winfred Bray, President of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, and Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, and others will assist in the service.

Town and Country Seminar

Town and Country pastors are reminded of the Town and Country Seminar to be held at N. C. State College on May 10-11. The Seminar begins at 2:00 P.M. with registration in the Erdahl-Cloyd Union on the campus. Several outstanding state and national leaders will be present. There is no cost for registration but attendance will be limited to the facilities.

Ground Breaking at Shallow Ford

Ground Breaking Services at Shallow Ford Church were held on Sunday, April 25, following the 11:00 A.M. Service of Worship. Invitations were issued to a number of members and guests who participated in the services. Superintendent Clyde L. Fields was the guest minister for the morning service and participated in the Ground Breaking ceremonies.

The Shallow Ford Church, located near Elon College, North Carolina, will construct a new sanctuary providing enlarged and modern facilities for the growing congregation. The church will use the new Fellowship Hall during the construction of the sanctuary.

Rev. Richard M. Petersen, pastor of Shallow Ford Church, drew the plans for the Fellowship Hall and was in charge of construction. He will also assume major leadership in the present building program.

Churchmen's Fellowship Retreat

Eastern Virginia men are reminded of the Churchmen's Fellowship Retreat to be held near Great Bridge on May 14-15. Rev. William Slater, Rev. Karlton Johnson, Rev. Bill Simmons and other leaders will participate. Registration is limited to fifty men.

The Darkening Shadow

By Dr. L. E. Smith

On February 16, 1965 I had a serious conference with Dr. J. A. Smith, Jr., our physician in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. I asked him to talk frankly with me about my wife's condition. He said: "Well, I will tell you that, humanly speaking, your wife will not likely be any better, but that she will gradually grow weaker." This was most disturbing, 'though I had feared that such was the case.

The next morning, after a partially sleepless night, at 8:30 o'clock, in my little study in the basement of the Hotel (the use of which the Hotel authorities had graciously granted me for my work), I picked up a piece of waste paper and typed the following message to myself:

> "Sometime, somewhere—I know not how nor when—Ella Ora Brunk Smith, my devoted and beloved wife for fifty-three years and more, will leave her precious body in the flesh, not to return. This for her will be the end: the end of wonderings, of questionings, of doubts, of fears, of pains, of sufferings and of sorrows.
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> "But for her, also, it will be the beginnings: the beginning of eternal realities, of a free spiritual existence—the beginning of a continual, unbroken fellowship with our crucified risen Lord, which will be for her the beginning of joy, joy unspeakable and full of glory! She knows the body in the flesh and its burdens. She shall know the body in the spirit and its freedoms. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body. As we have borne of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. For her it will be the moving out of the "earthly tabernacle," in which she has lived for eighty years and more, into the House of God, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
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> "But for me this will be an empty world — a world filled with the wreckage of a broken and happy companionship, streaked with darkening shadows that grow thicker as the days pass—but brightened with hope, a vital and living faith, for somewhere in the vast forever we shall meet again. Then, oh then, we shall know as we have known and enter into a lasting fellowship with the redeemed of all ages!"

But at a later day, as I relived the past so full of blessed memories, and mused over the coming years that extend into eternity, so full of mysteries, I was reminded of an old Gospel Hymn that I used to sing in my younger days and the title of which is **"I Know Whom I Have Believed":**

"I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.

"I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart.

"I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noonday fair,
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,
Or 'meet Him in the air'."

Chorus

"But I know whom I have believed, and am
persuaded that He is able to keep that
which I've committed unto Him against
that day."

"That day" came to my beloved companion. It will come to you and to me and to everyone. There is no question about it. God grant that we may be ready when it comes!

Blessed Memories

By Dr. L. E. Smith

I am beginning to realize that my faithful and beloved companion is gone—gone from this life not to return in the flesh. It is a sobering and distressing fact. At times my loneliness is almost beyond human endurance; but I must endure and, God being my Helper, I shall!

For fifty-three years and more we have fought the battles of life together. Sometimes the battles were fierce—so much so as to invite questions as to the ultimate outcome, but, in faith, we brushed them aside and moved on to the task set before us. We knew in our hearts that since God had led us, He would open the way, brush away all difficulties and make plain the path that led to victory. This was true as we labored in the pastorate. We did set some goals, high goals that were unattainable singlehanded, but God, in His wisdom and faithfulness, gave us congregations—men and women—with cooperative willingness, brave hearts, courageous souls and generous spirits. With such cooperation the enemy could not defeat us! The way was made plain, burdens were lifted, the darkness could not hinder. But the path that led to victory was narrow and steep—nevertheless, straight and pointed to triumph!

This was not only true in the pastorate, but even more so as we faced the tangled web that confused and produced the unfortunate situation that faced Elon College in that hour—Elon College, our College upon which we depended for the training of the youth of our Church and to inspire them for leadership in our Church. This train of circumstances held the College so tightly in its grip that it seemed almost unbreakable; but a voice whispered, "All things are possible to those who believe in Him and stand firmly upon His promises." "If God be for us no man need stand against us."

"NOW ABIDETH FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE, THESE THREE, BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE." Love that binds us together in the battles of life and keeps us in loving fellowship with our Heavenly Father.

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Dr. L. E. Smith has written these two personal affirmations of God's nearness to him and his wife during their lifetime and of the resurrection faith which continues to sustain him. These statements of this living faith are particularly significant during this post-Easter period.

Shallow Well P. F. In Action

The recently formed Pilgrim Fellowship of Shallow Well has elected officers and advisors. The Junior High group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5:30. The Senior High group meets every Sunday at 5:30. The officers and counselors of the groups are as follows:

Junior High: President—Cathy Gunter, Vice-President—Debbie Jones, Secretary—Janet Johnson, Treasurer—Harriet Rosser, and Counselors—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rosser, Mrs. Frances Spivey.

Senior High: President—Jerry Batchelor, Vice-President—Brenda Gunter, Secretary—Janet Seymour, Treasurer—Donna Rosser, Chaplain—Carter Rosser, Counselors—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Todd, Mrs. Lex Thomas, and Mr. Jack W. Campbell, Jr.

The Senior High Fellowship has several projects planned to make money to buy a movie projector for the church. They have been collecting soft drink bottles along the highway to be redeemed. Candy will be sold in the near future. The group also plans to collect paper to sell.

The Shallow Well Senior P. F. is very interested in highway safety and decided to do something about it. March 21 the program was on highway safety and a film on safe driving practices was shown. March 28, Sanford Chief of Police W. D. Brooks was guest speaker, with other interested people invited. Mr. Brooks emphasized the importance of safe driving practices and cooperation between citizens and law enforcement agencies. In the meantime a committee of the Senior group had drawn up a Teenage Driver's Code which was adopted by the group. Here are the ten points of the code.

1. I realize my first responsibility is to practice safety on the highway.

2. I will check my car thoroughly (brakes, signal lights, tires, dash controls, etc.) before going on the highway.

3. I will obey all speed limits and will take into consideration existing weather conditions, road conditions, and other driving hazards which cause emergencies.

4. I will try to do my best to set a good example when I am driving and will not encourage careless actions on the part of other teenage drivers.

5. I will do my best to avoid careless driving habits since carelessness is the leading cause of highway accidents.

6. I will try to encourage good sportsmanship and courtesy on the highways and encourage others to do the same.

7. I will do my best to assist other motorists who are in need on the highway.

8. I will always wear my seatbelt and see that my passengers do the same.

9. I realize it is a privilege to be a driver and will do my best to share in the expense and maintenance of the car.

10. I will always observe the "Golden Rule" when driving.

Twenty-two young people from the group, almost all of them drivers, signed this very worthy code.

OPERATION ICEBREAKER

Since the last report, the following church groups have shared in the Pilgrim Fellowship Project for 1964-65 which is to provide $1,500 for heaters in the cabins at Moonelon Center: Reidsville PF (23.00); Mt. Zion, Eclipse (10.00); Greensboro CUUC Jr. High PF (25.00); Bethlehem Suffolk PF (50.00). To date the total received from 16 church groups is $281.62. How about your youth group . . . taken part yet?

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

MOONELON REGISTRATIONS

Pastors, church school superintendents, youth leaders and young people may send requests for additional registration forms for the 1965 camp/conference season at **Moonelon Center, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.**

With the exception of the Travel Seminar (for which a $10.00 advance fee is required) all registrations should be accompanied by the total amount of **$20.00** per camp. Registrants will receive notification of acceptance along with a doctor's examination card to be filled out no earlier than two weeks before the particular camp opens.

Early registration is advisable. Deadline dates will be observed, as will age requirements.

PALM STREET PF, GREENSBORO

On Palm Sunday evening, the Senior Pilgrim Fellowship presented a program entitled **The Light of the Cross.** Narrated by Tommy Hall, with organ music provided by Linda Fulk, members of the PF under the direction of Mrs. Novella Powers and her daughter, Linda, participated in the program. Special music was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Harder, Darlene Hussey, and a quartet.

Long's Chapel, Burlington

Rev. Richard N. Rinker, North Carolina Field Secretary for the Southern Convention, met with the Pilgrim Fellowship at **Long's Chapel United Church of Christ, Burlington,** April 11, for a program on Moonelon Center.

Salem Chapel and Belews Creek

A Pilgrim Fellowship has been organized at **Salem Chapel and Belews Creek churches,** meeting jointly. Meetings are held Sunday evenings at 6:30. Speaking of these two churches, a new newsletter, **Salem Chapel Newsletter,** is now going out from the desk of the pastor, Rev. William A. Rich.

Small Group Leaders Needed For Moonelon!!

The following adult small group leaders are still needed for summer camps and conferences at Moonelon:

Senior High PF Retreat **(June 20-26)**	4 women and 3 men
Junior Age I **(June 27 - July 3)**	2 men
Junior High I **(July 4-10)**	2 women and 1 man
Middle High **(July 11-17)**	3 women and 1 man
Junior Age II **(July 18-24)**	2 women and 4 men
Junior High II **(July 25-31)**	2 women and 3 men
Junior Age III **(August 1-7)**	3 women and 3 men

Camp registrations can be accepted only in numbers proportionate to the adult staff available. If you or someone you know has an interest to share a week at camp with young people please write at once to Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Busy Summer Program Listed By College

The Elon College campus will present a busy scene during the summer months of 1965, according to plans announced by the college administration, which has announced a special institute on international relations, a band clinic and two special three-weeks workshops for elementary school teachers, all in addition to the college's regular summer school program.

The regular Elon College summer school, with a prospective enrollment of approximately 400 students, will follow its past pattern of two terms, one beginning on June 7 and closing on July 13 and the other beginning on July 14 and closing on August 20, followed two days later on August 22 by the annual summer commencement exercises. The summer school schedule will include both day and night classes.

The series of special events, to be operated concurrently with the regular summer terms, will get underway with an Institute on International Relations, featuring lectures from June 14 through June 18 by Dr. S. E. Gerard Priestley, widely known British author, historian, lecturer and world traveller. The one-week series of lectures will offer one semester hour of credit, but it will be open to the general public without credit.

Dr. Priestley will not appear as a stranger to the Elon campus, for he previously conducted a one-week institute here on the Far East during the summer of 1961, at which time he was heard with interest by persons from this area. The speaker, who holds no less than six degrees in various fields, is an outstanding authority on the less developed areas of the world.

During the same period from June 14 through June 18, the Elon College music department will sponsor its second annual band clinic for members and directors of high school and college bands. Charles Colin, eminent brass instructor from New York City, was guest instructor for the first annual band event which attracted more than 40 young musicians to the Elon campus last summer. Professor Jack White, director of instrumental music at Elon, announces that the guest instructor for the 1965 clinic will be Renold Schilke, of Chicago, recognized as one of the foremost brass instrument instructors in the United States.

Two three-weeks workshops for elementary school teachers in the fields of language arts and modern mathematics have been announced for the Elon summer program in July and August. Each of these workshops will offer three semester hours of either college or teacher certificate renewal credit.

Mrs. Lucille Cox Stone, principal of the Grove Park Elementary School in Burlington, will return for a second summer to teach the workshop in language arts, which she entitles "Skills in the Development of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing." This workshop is set for July 6th through July 23rd.

Dr. Olan Petty, of the Duke University mathematics faculty, will also be back at Elon for a second successive summer, to conduct the workshop in the modern mathematics methods from July 26th through August 13th.

New Vocational Resource

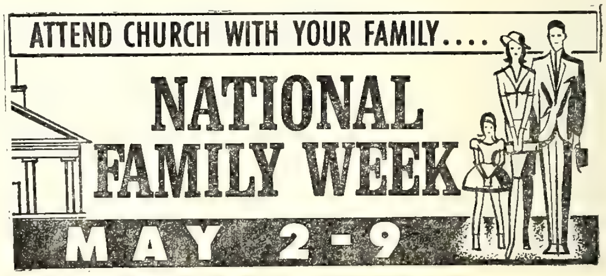
By Fern Babcock Grant

The summer course for senior high young people (eleventh and twelfth grades) is called **FACING THE WORLD OF WORK.** It provides help for teachers and young people in local church school classes as they discuss together the issues and possibilities for their lives.

Divided into four main units:

I. General Guidance and Background
II. A Christian View of The World of Work
III. Education and The Choice of A Lifework
IV. Serving God In Work and Leisure

this course of study seeks to relate faith to vocational decision. By directing youth's attention to a Christian perspective on vocation, a dimension perhaps overlooked in making the important decision of life-direction is added. The student's resource book which accompanies this coursebook adds greatly to the appeal of the whole course. This is just one of the vital elements in the United Church Curriculum series.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Building Fund Director Named At Beverly Hills

John F. Westfield, of New York City, secretary of the Church Finance Advisory Service of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ, will direct the building fund campaign of the Beverly Hills United Church of Christ, April 26 to May 2.

Funds raised will be used to build a new educational building adjacent to the sanctuary at 7:15 N. Church Street.

Founded in 1951, Beverly Hills United Church of Christ now has a membership of 361 and a church-school enrollment of 212. According to the minister, the Rev. Kenneth Register, the new educational building will enable the church "to play an even more vital role in the growing community of Burlington."

Chairmen of the building committee are G. Ervin King and J. L. Faulkner.

A layman, Mr. Westfield is a former school teacher and has 25 years of business experience. In 1963 he was a delegate to his denomination's General Synod in Denver and is now a corporate member of the United Church Board for World Ministries. He works with congregations, directing projects for new buildings, modernization and debt retirement.

WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL DO? . . .

Through the CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, the Council holds National Christian Teaching Missions, campus meetings and programs, services and discussions at military bases.

Dr. Charles Pegram Tenders Resignation

In a recent letter to the members of Pembroke Manor United Church of Christ, Virginia Beach, Virginia, the Reverend Charles F. Pegram wrote these words:

> "A church advertising organization recently wrote 'when buds burst into fragile flowers this is more than spring. It is a time of promise . . . future harvest. When human souls awaken to the reveille of faith . . . the warmth of an ageless hope reaches from heart to heart . . . this is more than Lent. The harvest of souls like yours and mine is beginning anew to grow.' Just one more week and this Holy Season (my 50th one to have proclaimed the Risen Christ!) will end, but your task will become increasingly more demanding. You must build a church."

Dr. Pegram, with fifty years of service in the ministry, will resign from the pulpit of Pembroke Manor United Church of Christ to which he came after his pastorates at Bayview United Church of Christ in Norfolk and, prior to that, Eutaw Community Church in Fayetteville. His service before these two Southern Convention churches was with the Armed Forces Chaplaincy.

Within fourteen months, Dr. Pegram suffered two coronary attacks with the subsequent hospital confinement and special care. Because of these attacks, he has tendered his resignation effective April 30th. His friends will rejoice in knowing that he is recovering from his most recent attack and, together with his fellow members of the Southern Convention, wish him every good wish for continuing strength.

Consultation On Church Union

The effort of six Protestant communions to form a united church took dramatic steps forward at their fourth annual meeting in April at Lexington, Kentucky. The 54 delegates—9 from each communion—agreed almost unanimously to:

1. Establish a special commission to develop "the outline of a possible plan of union" to be discussed at the group's next meeting in 1966;
2. Invite churches, which have been sending observer-consultants, to take part in the consultation;
3. Accept two study commission reports as recording their concensus on theological and practical problems involved in the forming of a united ministry.

Present participants in the consultation are the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), the Evangelical United Brethren Church, The Methodist Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the United Church of Christ, and the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

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Palm Street United Church of Christ in Greensboro, on Easter Sunday morning, had Rev. Harry L. Oakley as guest speaker at the Sunrise Service at 6:00 a. m. Mr. Oakley is evangelist and supply pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Durham.

Rev. Carl T. Daye, pastor of **St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Greensboro,** appeared over WFMY-TV for Morning Devotions one week in April.

ON THE EDGE

On Maundy Thursday, at **Calvary United Church of Christ, Thomasville,** a meditation in song was presented by one of the church members, Mrs. Maxine Townsend. The music, **The Story of the Crucifixion,** was composed by Mrs. Townsend and sung to her own autoharp accompaniment.

Guest lay preacher at **Wake Chapel United Church of Christ,** on April 25, was Mr. James Colville, former Vice President of John Adams Henry Produce Company and Trustee of The Pocket Testament League. He is presently serving as Administrative Assistant of Christian Businessmen Committee International.

First United Church at Winston-Salem arranged for a bus to transport members and friends to the Morehead Planetarium to see **Easter Awakening** on April 4.

A drama entitled **This Was The Week** was presented by the Junior High and Senior High Pilgrim Fellowships of the **First Christian Church, Burlington,** in the sanctuary on April 11. Sharing in the presentation were primary and junior department choirs. This drama was written and directed by Mrs. Robert M. Kimball. The free-will offering received will be given to the Southern Convention P. F. Project for heaters in the cabins at Moonelon Center.

The choir of **Little Creek United Church of Christ in Norfolk** participated in the Week of Spiritual Enrichment held at **First United Church of Christ at Virginia Beach** by providing two special numbers at the May 4 evening service. Pastor of the Little Creek Church is the Rev. James Singleterry and of the First Church, Rev. Robert Bew.

The Reverend William T. Joyner, pastor of **Shelton Memorial United Church of Christ in Portsmouth,** attended the Ministers' Convocation at Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on April 21 on "The United Church—Its Theology and Life."

Clergy Conference On Counselling

The Tidewater Virginia Association for Mental Health, the Portsmouth Mental Health Association and the Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach and Chesapeake Ministers' Associations are sponsoring a series of lectures by the Reverend Walter A. Hendricks, a specialist in pastoral clinical training programs. The following subjects will be dealt with:

*April 27—The Clergy and Counseling
*May 4—The Importance of Feelings
*May 11—The Importance of the Client
xMay 18—The Importance of the Counseling Relationship
xMay 25—The Use of Religious Resources with the Sick
—Main Personality Types
xJune 1—Psychotherapy and Theological Thought
—The Grief Process

The lectures denoted with an * will be held at the Monumental Methodist Church, Queen and Dinwiddie, Portsmouth; those designated with an x will be at the Public Health Center Auditorium, 401 Colley Ave., Norfolk. Further details and registration forms may be obtained from Rev. Robert Bew, 6049 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, Va.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Alumni Homecoming — April 25

Dear Friends:

This year the Alumni Association of our Home is planning to have their meeting early rather than waiting until later in the summer. They will have their meeting on April 25 at Holt Chapel here on our campus.

The featured speaker for the Homecoming will be Mr. Horace A. McKinney, Head Basketball Coach at Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C. The Homecoming for the boys and girls who have lived here in the past will get underway at 10:00 in the morning with registration in the basement of Holt Chapel. After an hour of fellowship, the formal program will get underway in the chapel at 11:00 with Mr. McKinney as the featured speaker.

Also, the members of the group will hear reports of the activities of the past year and the plans of the Association for the coming year. Following the formal program in the Chapel, all of the Alumni along with their friends will be the guests of the Home for a picnic luncheon.

It is always interesting and a joy to welcome back the boys and girls who have lived here in other years.

Pictured on our page this issue are the Alumni officers. They are L to R Merritt Wilson, President; Dan Walker, Vice President; George Morningstar, Secretary and Walstein W. Snyder, Treasurer.

Sincerely yours.
Walstein W. Snyder

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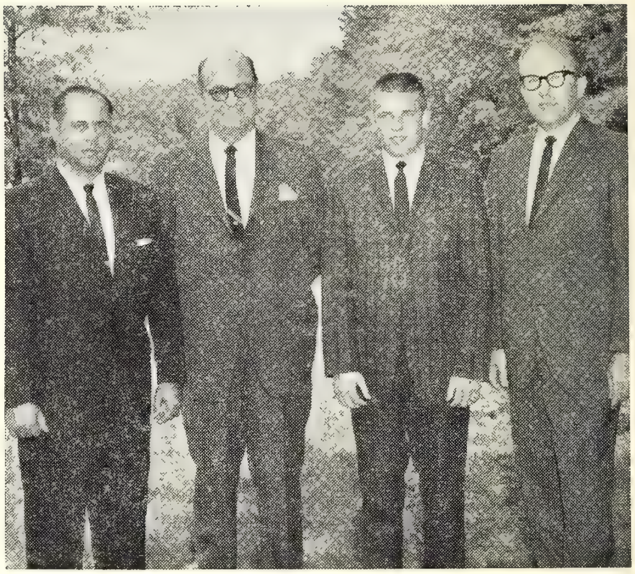
Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 146.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	270.00
Western North Carolina Conference	17.50
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	104.00
Total	$ 537.50
Special Offerings	
New Hope Christian Church, Roanoke, Alabama	$ 10.00
Kent Cong. Church, South Kent, Conn.	25.00
Mr. Stuart Olson, Salem, Mass.	10.00
Women's Fellowship, Cong. United Church of Christ, Greensboro, N. C.	95.00
Women's Fellowship, Beverly Hills Ch., Burlington, N. C.	10.00
Monticello Church, Adult Bible Class, Monticello, N. C.	5.00
Ladies Society, First Cong. Church, Willimantic, Conn.	15.00
Older Adult Bible Class, Clayton Christian Church, Clayton, N. C.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Toler, Brown Summit ,N. C.	20.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mrs. Mary Henderson	
In Memory of Mrs. Ada Deatherage	
Total Memorial Gifts	13.00
Special Offerings	564.35
Total	$ 772.35
Total for the Week	$1,309.85



A New Service Instituted At The Home

Dear Friends:

The Board of Trustees met on April 8 in the Annual Spring Meeting. They gave final approval to a new service that the Home will be offering beginning May 1. This new service is a Day Care Center that is to be operated in the basement of the Holt Memorial Chapel located on the campus of the Children's Home. The Center will be a fully licensed service which means full accreditation by the State Board of Public Welfare.

Early in 1964 the Home was approached by the Day Care Division of the State Board of Public Welfare asking that the Home give consideration to having this service. The Division was interested in having a model Day Care Center for the purpose of workshops in this area.

In order for this Day Care Center to be the model they would like for their workshops, they have assisted us with equipment with which to begin the program. The Home, in turn, is providing the facilities plus trained personnel.

The Center will be for children 3 to 5 years of age. A $10 fee will be charged with special rates for families with two or more children. Also, in incidents where families cannot pay for this service, consideration will be given to lesser rates for such situations.

This you will recognize as a service for the immediate area surrounding the Home. If this service proves to be of service to the community as we believe it will, the Home will be interested in sponsoring such centers in other areas where our churches are located. We firmly believe that this is one way that we can assist families in staying together, especially where it is necessary for both parents to work. In situations where we render services to welfare cases, we hope this will serve to perhaps help break the cycle of dependency upon welfare. One of the greater problems our society faces today is ways and means of breaking the cycle of many families who from generation to generation depend on welfare agencies. We are more and more coming to believe that even in our other services such

A NEW SERVICE (Continued)

as group care and foster care, that we have a real opportunity to help break this cycle of dependency upon welfare by motivating the children to depend upon their own ability rather than someone else's to provide for them once they become men and women.

The Board was very enthusiastic on its approval of this service and we believe it will prove to be meaningful and helpful to those who receive its services.

After the Board had heard the various other reports from its various committees, a presentation was made by Mr. Samuel Fudge, Group Consultant for the Group Child Care Project, Chapel Hill, N. C. He spoke on "Modern Trends in Child Care Today." At a later date, Mr. Fudge is going to make available this address in the Sun on our page over several issues.

Upon adjournment, the Board of Trustees were entertained at lunch at the Clyde W. Rudd Cottage by the staff of the Children's Home.

Walstein W. Snyder
Sincerely yours,

REPORT FOR APRIL 12, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 271.03
Eastern North Carolina Conference	80.50
Western North Carolina Conference	142.20
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	492.38
Total	$ 986.11
Special Offerings	
Ladies Benevolent Society, Hartland, Vermont	10.00
Sr. Women's Fellowship, Shelton Memorial Church, Portsmouth, Virginia	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McLelland, Burlington, N. C.	10.00
Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Newton, Pomona Park, Florida	5.00
Elon Sewing Group, Hendersonville, N. C.	100.00
Mr. John Craddock, Gibsonville, N. C. (Shoes)	21.07
Loyal Workers, First Cong. Ch., St. Johnsbury, Vermont	5.00
Ladie's Society, McIndoe Falls, Vermont.	10.00
Mrs. Beatrice G. George, S. Norfolk, Va.	10.00
Angie Crew Circle, Union Ridge Ch., Burlington, N. C.	25.00
Women's Fellowship, First Cong. Ch., Asheville, N. C.	11.50
Mr. R. L. Hendrickson, Lincoln, Kansas	100.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mrs. Carlotta Strong (2 Memorials)	
In Memory of Parents of Mrs. Garland Isley	
In Memory of Edith McPherson Spencer	
In Memory of Mr. J. Nelson McAbee	
In Memory of Mrs. M. E. Younts, Sr. (2 Memorials)	
Total Memorial Gifts	74.00
Special Offerings	965.42
Total	$1,356.99
Total for the Week	$2,343.10

A RE-CREATION OF BIBLICAL HISTORY

THE INHERITANCE

A re-creation of Biblical history, filmed at ancient sites in Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Jordan and Israel, will be presented in a full-hour television program, "The Inheritance," Sunday, May 23. on the NBC-TV Network. Check your paper for the early afternoon time.

Alexander Scourby narrates the program, which was produced by the NBC-TV Religious Program unit in association with the Southern Baptist Convention's Radio and Television Commission. Doris Ann, manager of NBC religious programs, was executive producer, and Martin Hoade was producer-director. Philip Scharper wrote the script, and Ralph Burns composed and conducts the original orchestral score.

"The Inheritance" surveys the remains of great civilizations of antiquity in the Middle East—Persian, Babylonian, Assyrian, Sumerian, Egyptian and Israelite. Through surviving writings and physical monuments, many of them unearthed by archaeologists only in recent years, it shows how man moved forward to a belief in one God and to the development of an ethical life within the Judaeo-Christian tradition.

During a nine-week period of on-location shooting in the Middle East, the NBC-TV Religious Program unit filmed many sites never before filmed for television. In the tomb of King Tutankhamon, in the Valley of Kings, Egypt, the unit was permitted to film the wall paintings — the first time such permission has ever been granted to either a TV or a motion-picture camera crew. In Khirbet Qumran, Jordan, the unit filmed in Cave IV where, in 1947, the Dead Sea scrolls were found.

Other ancient sites on view in "The Inheritance" are Babylon and Khorsabad, in Iraq; Persepolis and Tchogam-Zambil, in Iran; Gizeh, Saqqara and the Temples of Luxor and Karnak, in Egypt; Megiddo, Lachish, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, King Solomon's mines, and the Wilderness of Zin, in Israel; and Jericho and Petra, in Jordan.

Rare works of art were filmed in three museums: Teheran (Iran) Archaeological Museum, the Iraq Museum in Baghdad, and the Palestine Archaeological Museum in Jerusalem, Jordan.

Relating archaeology to the narrative of the Bible, "The Inheritance" recounts history as the Old Testament does, through its great figures: Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon, the Prophets—Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel chief among them —and others. The program culminates in the coming of Christ.

Besides Alexander Scourby, as narrator, the voice-only cast includes Whitfield Connor, Ralph Bell, John Baragrey, John Heffernan, Frederick Rolf and Carolyn Coates.

Joseph Vadala was the camerman and Thomas Landi the assistant camerman. John F. Teeple was the film editor. Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director of the Southern Baptist Convention's Radio and Television Commission, was theological consultant for this "Southern Baptist Hour" presentation.

PERILOUS JOURNEY

BY THOMAS H. BRITTON

It is no wonder that we sometimes encounter people who are disappointed in Christianity. What they expected to obtain from Christian faith they did not realize. They supposed that if they followed Christ all mysteries would be banished, all problems solved, all troubles sent away.

But that isn't the way the Christian life is at all! And if all that **you** expect because of **your** commitment to Christ is comfort and security, you will soon discover — if you have not learned it already — that you have made a bad bargain. For the fact of the matter is that when Christ comes on board the little boat of your life, you are likely to find your life transformed into a perilous journey.

Said Jesus to his disciples, "In the world you have tribulation." "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

And when we do follow him, we must be prepared to go all the way — even when the lights begin to flicker and the lamps go out and "hope no longer sees a star."

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

Food For Peace

Food for Peace, a broad title that covers many areas of world concern, (such as our current Lenten Milk Fund,) was one of the discussion areas at the Washington Seminar on the Town and Country Church. **Food for Peace** began as a method of utilizing surplus United States wheat, corn, dairy products and other selected foods for home and overseas distribution at places of real need. Public Law 480 authorizes donations of surplus food to non-profit voluntary agencies for free distribution to the needy overseas. Public Law 480 has worked in 85 countries and has provided health and nutrition to some 40 million children through feeding programs and school lunches. **Food for Peace** is used to eliminate the cause of hunger. We are now in a unique historical situation where hunger is no longer necessary. The main thought is proper concern and distribution of the world's resources to provide for the needs of people everywhere.

Under the direction of Mr. Richard Reuter, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the President's cabinet, the program has developed into **Food for Wages** also. The idea is that food, grain, surplus grants are made in terms of foreign aid, exchange for local currency to pay for American expenses abroad, and in turn the food is used to hire the unemployed to work on public roads, buildings, water systems, planting areas, improving lands. **Food for Peace** has actually increased our world export for trade, a fact to discourage the anti-donation argument. One case in Japan: We have given 2 billion dollars in relief feedings and school lunches. In the last 4 years, their situation needs and economic prosperity have both developed to where we have sold them 1/2 billion dollars a year in American agricultural goods.

However, this is not the point. The emphasis for the spiritually concerned is to provide wherever there is hunger. Matthew 25:35. And when $3.00 can go so far, can we do less? Surpluses are low, we cannot depend always on free food. Tobacco is the big surplus crop now. But children need milk and milk surplus is low. But the cry of hungry children for milk continues. We can provide, at basic production and distribution cost of $3.00 milk for one child for a whole year.

Can we do less? Millions in space, billions for Military Defense, but $3.00 for a child per year to supply milk needs is the concern of the Church.

Thomas W. Madren
Town and Country Committee

WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL DO? . . .

Through its WASHINGTON OFFICE, the Council provides information about government activities affecting the churches and their Christian concerns, and supplies to Congress, executive departments and non-governmental organizations facts about the structure and programs of the Council.

We are healed of a suffering only by experiencing it to the full.—Marcel Proust

Grant For Migrant Work

The Office of Economic Opportunity has approved a $270,444 grant to the North Carolina Council of Churches to finance an expanding program for aid to migrant workers.

Dr. Samuel S. Wiley, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Council, announced the grant, stating that the grant would cover cost of staff and program for work in eight areas in 26 of the counties in North Carolina. The program would provide for assistance to migrant agricultural workers, their families, and other seasonal farm workers.

The Migrant Committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches has long been at work in the religious, social, and financial problems related to migrant workers in North Carolina. This has been one of the most active and productive committees of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

North Carolina is one of the five major states in which migrant workers serve. Some 150,000 workers pass through the state in a given year. The needs of 23,000 migrants and their families will be the continuing concern of the Migrant Committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches. The grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity indicates Federal approval of the excellent work done by this Committee, and will enable the Committee to project an expanded program.

Mrs. Clyde Fields, Elon College, N. C., is the representative from the Southern Convention to the Migrant Committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Appalachia

The Appalachian region is much in the news these days. Federal, state, and local interest has been generated. The Appalachian region touches the lives of the people of the United Church of Christ, the Southern Convention, and the Southeast Convention.

Study groups or individuals may wish to have first hand information concerning the needs and contributions of the people of the Appalachian area. Readers of the CHRISTIAN SUN may wish to avail themselves of information from the following sources:

1. **Council of the Southern Mountains, Inc.,** College Box 2307, Berea, Ky. Publications and authentic resource material are on sale through the Council. Write to the Council for a retail list of resource materials and request to be included on the mailing list.

2. **Berea College, Berea, Ky.** This is one of the fine colleges in the region supported by student fees and a unique work program opportunity. Write to Berea College for information.

3. **Rev. Edward Lantz, Southern Office, National Council of Churches,** 26 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. The Council has information, resource materials, and has shown a service interest in the region for a number of years.

4. **Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Superintendent Southeast Convention,** 673 Piedmont Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30308. Churches and institutions of the Southeast Convention are located in Tennessee and other parts of the Appalachian region. Dr. Lightbourne could provide helpful information relating to program materials or program support projects.

Town & Country Church Seminar

May 10 - 11, 1965

Theme: The Church and The State of Society

This Seminar has been planned for ministers and lay persons from rural areas and communities under 10,000 in population. It begins at 2:00 on May 10 (Monday) and ends at 5:00 May 11. The location will be the **Erdahl-Cloyd Union, North Carolina State at Raleigh.**

Leaders will include **Dr. Selz C. Mayo,** Head of the Department of Sociology at N. C. State; **Dr. Cleo McCoy,** of A. & T. College; **Dr. Garland A. Hendricks,** Professor of Church-Community Development at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; **Dr. Harry V. Richardson,** Interdenominational Theological Seminary in Atlanta; **Mr. R. W. Lang,** Community and Area Development Extension; **Dr. Henry A. McCanna,** Director of the Commission on the Church in Town and Country, National Council of Churches, New York.

This Seminar will be sponsored by the Town and Country Church Committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches and North Carolina State of the University of North Carolina at Raleigh. Further information and registration forms may be obtained from North Carolina Council of Churches, P. O. Box 6637, College Station, Durham, N. C. 27708. The only charge is for the May 10 dinner reservation—$2.00.

A Journey To Understanding

International Christian Youth Exchange Filmstrip

The purpose of ICYE is to provide opportunities for young people of different countries to live in a different environment and culture for a time and there to be involved in discovering and fulfilling what it means to live as a Christian; and to enable them to return to their own nation and culture with deeper dedication to this same vocation in their own church and the "world" of their environment, community, school, family and friends.

This 68 frame color filmstrip with recording offers the story of such experiences and provides information about this program of exchange. Excellent for use with youth and adult groups, it opens doors to possibilities for participation in this program. At the present time, there is at least one ICYE young person in the Southern Convention: Miss Annie Boiteaux from France, who is living with the family of Pilgrim Fellowship president Liz Fairbank in Durham.

Vocation & Church Occupations

The May 1965 issue of the **International Journal of Religious Education** specializes on the concern of Vocation and Church Occupations. Related articles for adult leaders appeared in the March and April 1965 issues. This May issue has been written "for young people who are facing questions about their vacation in life and their choice of occupation." Copies of this magazine were given to all young people who attended the Christian Vocations Conference at Moonelon April 23-25.

Articles of interest to young people, parents and counsellors are: Why Did I Choose The Ministry?; Stay Loose!; Would I Want To Be One of These?; The Address of the Church; Is This For Me?; How Can I Know . . . ?; College Majors and Church Careers; and Where Do I Go For Further Information?. There is also a section on planning for higher education which lists and gives descriptions of colleges, universities and seminaries. Copies of this special issue may be ordered for 75c (1-5 copies), 50c (6-19 copies), and 35c (20-99 copies) from the International Journal of Religious Education, Circulation Office, Box 303, New York, N. Y. 10027.

OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION

United Church Curriculum Investigated

On November 9, 1964, the Board of Deacons of First Congregational Church in Derry, New Hampshire, voted to form a special committee, comprised of the professionally trained educators within its own fellowship, for the purpose of studying the United Church Curriculum materials to determine whether or not they are designed to "undermine our youth," to "spread communism," or "to encourage atheism," as has been publicly charged. Every professionally trained educator in the church was contacted personally by the chairman of the committee and requested to serve — **regardless of his or her particular predisposition toward the materials or toward the United Church of Christ.**

After several weeks of reading, discussion, and evaluation— both in committee and privately—the members of the committee submitted individual reports to the committee, based upon their own research. The summary of these reports is presented in the following statement, and comprises the report made by the committee to the Board of Deacons on January 11:

"The committee wholeheartedly concurs that the United Church of Christ curriculum materials do **not** undermine youth, encourage atheism, spread communism, or in any way lend themselves to the charges publicly brought against them. It appears that an extremist group in Derry, aided by materials of a calumnious character from a group in California, has tried to create disunity in the congregation of First Church by levying false criticism against the United Church of Christ curriculum materials. **A study of the curriculum makes it clearly evident that such charges against the materials are completely unfounded.**

As educators and as Christians, we find that **the materials have been carefully developed not only to teach the truths of the Bible, but to encourage and to facilitate the practice of these teachings as well.** The curriculum is prepared for use in any one of many different community situations—**from the most limited to the most progressive.**

The lesson plans are extremely well-prepared and **contain a variety of presentations** so as to provide each local church school teacher the opportunity to use the plan and the materials which best serve the needs of his or her local level of development.

The curriculum uses **sound learning principles** and is **designed to accomodate itself to the unique growth rates and patterns of children** at various stages of their development. The materials afford a global concept of the world and of man in the world. Its presentation is not sugar-coated; it is **realistic** and **designed to encourage individual, wholesome thinking.** The teacher preparation contained in the manuals is extensive and should serve both **to enrich the teacher personally,** and **to prepare him or her for the specific lesson** to be taught. The art that is used throughout the curriculum contains **both** traditional and modern works. The masters are abundantly represented.

In summary, we find that the United Church of Christ curriculum materials are excellent, and they can serve the purposes of Christian education well."

—Exerpted From Feb. 1965
Congregational New Hampshire

NOTES FROM THE DESK

The Beloved Dispersion

In our urban-suburban society, the family is in a condition picturesquely called the beloved dispersion. Where once the home was the focal point for interpersonal relationship reflecting love, it now serves as a filling station.

Blame for this situation has alternately been placed with uncaring parents, irresponsible young people, supra-regimented children, the modern church-without-a-gospel, and of course, the communists.

The fact is that the opportunities for Christian witness have increased tremendously because of the dispersion of family members --- the unfortunate aspect of this phenomenon is not that the dispersion exists (for it is a product of man's growth using the gifts given man by God), but that parents, young people, and children are not being equipt to carry on an effective witness.

A large part of the Church has not grown out of the attitude which reflects a self-centered salvation. Hence it is the individual, or the family, or the local church group for whom the gospel is extended, by whom it is grasped, and from whom it rarely goes forth. Missions are not opportunities for witness . . . they are requisites for this self-centered salvation.

The time is rapidly approaching when the Church --- the people who are the church --- must either avail itself of the mobility and dispersion of its families to carry the witness of the Christ beyond its salvation-mortared walls, or see its effect on the world diminish and become less than negligible.

To do this witnessing, members of the families must have two things. First, a relevant and communicable faith to share. Second, homes which are retreats where the decreased interpersonal relationships have become, and continue becoming, based firmly on the relevancy of the gospel to their whole lives. The Church has a vital role in fulfilling both of these needs.

Christian education at every level, with a sound understanding of individual age needs and potentialities, must awaken a strong desire not only to be life-time students but also to be life-time teachers --- life-time witnesses. The typical educational program has not yet been successful in prompting continuing study by adults, muchless continuing witness.

Instead of adding to the dispersion of family members, provision should be made, through experimentation and frequent evaluations, for total family experiences which meet the needs of each member of the family in ways which encourage and equip for witness. These experiences will need to relate God and the gospel to the physical, intellectual and spiritual growth of families. The gospel will have to become relevant realistically and not just ideally.

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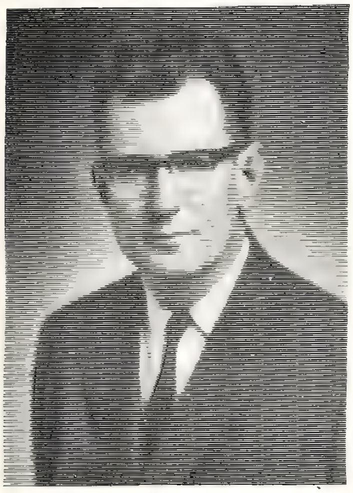

Rev. Dr. Harold H. Wilke

THE FIFTH ANNUAL

UNITED CHURCH MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

THE CHURCH IN OUR DAY

Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds
Blowing Rock, N. C.

May 17-19, 1965

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Rev. Donald Benedict

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth . . . Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?

/KJ

"For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth." . . . Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

/RSV

"The reason for My birth and the reason for My coming into the world is to witness to the Truth." . . . To which Pilate retorted, "What is truth?"

/Phillips

What, indeed, is truth? Is it the fact taught in the classroom? Or is it the unprovable affirmation of faith? Is it the mass of accumulating knowledge being heaped up in the electronic computers of the world? Or is it the simple belief in divinity and its qualities of love, compassion, justice and patience?

In the dichotomies of modern culture, good and evil, black and white, rich and poor, sin and righteousness, and the rest, it rests with institutions of higher education to point out the artificiality of such splits in the apparent situation of mankind. For creation is neither merely black nor merely white; neither merely sinful nor wholly righteous; neither totally provable nor completely unprovable. Faith and knowledge are inseparably intertwined in the fabric of our existence, as though the Weaver, from His point of view, could see nothing to distinguish the one from the other.

Colleges and universities carry on balanced programs because life itself needs to be balanced. Not a predominance of science. Not an overwhelming amount of philosophy. Not too much of the humanities, nor an overabundance of mathematics. Liberal Arts represent freedom to see clearly the totality of life's image . . . the knowledge and the faith behind the knowledge. It is only when we become enmeshed in the web of narrow vision that either knowledge or faith seems to cease having importance in our lives.

Elon Community Church Study

The **Reverend Howard P. Bozarth,** retired minister living at Elon College, led the Officers and Teachers of the **Elon College Community Church Church School** in a study of Church History, Sunday evening, April 25. Mr. Bozarth gave a resume of Church History from the time of Jesus to the present day to give teachers background information for the present semester's study of the United Church Curriculum. Those present asked questions and gave comments relative to their specific courses. Mr. Bozarth was formerly Professor of Religion at Yankton School of Theology, Yankton, South Dakota. He is also a former pastor of the Elon Church.

The group met in **McEwen Dining Hall** at 5:00 P.M. for a session before dinner and then a longer session after dinner. A delicious meal was served by Elon College. **Mr. Marsh McLelland,** Sunday School Superintendent, presided at the meeting. This study was sponsored by the Committee on Christian Education of the Church. Dr. Wm. J. Andes is pastor of the church.

So. Norfolk — Rosemont — Great Bridge Mission Study

Rosemont, Great Bridge, and South Norfolk United Churches of Christ will share in a weekend Mission Study led by the **Reverend Karlton Johnson,** a former missionary to Africa and currently representative of the Stewardship Council of our denomination. The dates for this study are May 14-16.

The **Family Thank Offering** was dedicated at Rosemont on Easter Sunday during two morning services. Holy week included an unusual Communion Service on Maundy Thursday with the use of candles to symbolize the evils responsible for Jesus' death. The Reverend Carroll Lewis is pastor for the church. On Easter Sunday evening, a cantata **Behold Your King** was presented by the Junior and Senior Choirs to climax the Easter season.

Commemorating his four years as pastor, a church-wide party was held for their pastor and his family in March. It was sponsored by the Philathea Class.

New Minister At Turner's Chapel, Lee's Chapel & Mt. Pleasant

Rev. and Mrs. John C. Allen, III, of Durham, N. C., will take up their work as pastor and family with Turner's Chapel, Lee's Chapel, and Mt. Pleasant Congregational Christian Churches as of June 1, 1965. The Allens will live in the parsonage at Turner's Chapel, near Sanford, N. C.

Mr. Allen is a graduate of Duke University, and a senior in Duke Divinity School of Religion. He is a native of Vermont, and has lived in North Carolina for several years. Mrs. Allen (Shirley) is a graduate of Duke University School of Nursing and is a Registered Nurse.

Readers of THE CHRISTIAN SUN join with Turner's Chapel, Lee's Chapel, and Mt. Pleasant Churches in expressing a hearty welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. John C. Allen, III.

The Christian Sun

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Durham C. C. Church Building Fund Highly Successful!

The picture shows some of the principal leaders in the campaign: left to right: Dr. Waldo Boone, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Robert L. Dickens, chairman of the Board of Deacons; J. L. Crumpton, foreground, building committee chairman; the Rev. Richard L. Jackson; and N. W. Langston, chairman of the building fund committee.

Elon Home for Children

The Alumni of the Elon Home for Children and invited guests observed the Annual Homecoming on Sunday, April 25. The featured speaker was Coach Horace A. "Bones" McKinney, Head Basketball Coach at Wake Forest College. A delicious and ample picnic lunch was shared by all present at 12:30 P.M. Invitations were issued by Merritt Y. Wilson, Jr., President of the Alumni Association.

Eastern Virginia Churchmen's Fellowship Retreat

May 14-15, 1965

Theme: Our Christian Responsibility In A Changing World.

At the RRR Ranch, six miles south of Great Bridge. The purpose of this retreat is to help Christian laymen, through dialogue, to examine the concerns and responsibilities of Christian discipleship in this changing world. Registration is limited to 50 men.

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

The Southern Convention Annual — 1964

The Southern Convention Annual for 1964 is printed and soon will be distributed by Conference Secretaries to churches of the Southern Convention. What is the Congregational Christian Annual for 1964?

1. It is a book of 236 pages, being Volume 93, and contains the written and statistical record of the Southern Convention for the year 1964.

2. It contains the Apportionment tables for 1965, Church Secretaries by Conferences, Conference minutes, exhibits, officers, Committees, Convention, Conference and Auxiliary officials, the minutes of the Eastern Virginia C.M.A., the Ministerial Directory of the Southern Convention, the 46th Biennial Session, and the Special Called Meeting of the Southern Convention, two meetings of the Executive Board of the Southern Convention, the joint meeting of the three judicatories to form the Southern Conference, plus the officers, boards, and committees, of the Southern Convention for 1964-65, statistical tables, Sunday School Superintendents by Conferences, and the minutes of the three divisions of the Women's Fellowship of the Southern Convention.

3. It is a labor of love on the part of a great host of Committee chairmen who spend hours writing reports which are later printed.

4. It represents hours of faithful recording of minutes on the part of secretaries of Conference, Auxiliary Bodies, and the Convention.

5. It represents literally hours of compiling reports, minutes, statistical tables, and financial tables on the part of Conference Secretaries.

6. It represents hours and days of re-typing minutes, reports, statistical tables, financial tables, compiling lists of officers, officials, proof reading and a host of details done so efficiently and effectively by Mrs. W. J. Andes, Miss Edna Fitch, and Miss Ruth Dunn of the Convention Office staff. Mrs. W. J. Andes takes major responsibility in this endeavor.

7. It represents the work of Durham Printing Company office in translating typed pages to printed pages and finally bound together in a book. It requires all the usual processes in bringing together material to publish a book of comparable size.

8. It represents a kind of anxiety and holding of the breath on the part of all of us intimately connected with the production of the Congregational Christian Annual for 1964, in hoping that there will not be too many errors, and that you, the reader, will be as merciful and generous with us as possible.

Oops — I just discovered an "e" left off of the word "the". Boy, how do these errors creep in?

Clyde L. Fields

Many Depend On Your Regular Support . . .
Share In Our Christian World Mission

New Friendship Press Resources

Mission: The Christian's Calling

Adult Resources

Study-Action Manual For "Mission: The Christian's Calling"	$1.25
The Word With Power, by de Dietrich (Bible Study)	.75
Realms of Our Calling, by Grimes (nature of mission)	.75
Babylon By Choice, by Marty (environment for mission)	.75
Mission As Decision, by Ikeler & Rowland (case studies of mission)	.75
Voices of Protest and Hope, by Dodds (anthology of writings)	1.95
Men For Others, by Rowland (biographies of people in mission)	1.95
Mission Myth and Reality, by Bridston (rethinking relevancy)	1.75

Senior High Resources

These Rebellious Powers, by van den Heuvel (powers that mold lives)	1.75
The Way in the World, by Adelberg (seven stories of decision)	1.75
Youth Guide on Mission: The Christian's Calling	.75

Junior High Resources

Bigger Than All of Us, by Eastman (Christian unity)	1.00
Called To Be . . ., by Braun (what we are called to be)	1.00
A Guide For Early Teens on Mission: The Christian's Calling	.75

Junior Resources (grades 4-6)

Sam's Secret Journal, by Yates (12 year old's journal of faith)	1.75
They Lived Their Love, by Hathaway & Heppe (11 stories of faith)	1.75
Junior Teacher's Guide for each of the above	.75

Primary Resources (grades 1-3)

God's Church Is Everywhere, by Jones (heritage of the church mission)	1.75
George and the Chinese Lady, by Scovel (missionary to a neighbor)	1.75
Primary Teacher's Guide for each of the above	.75

AN ADDITIONAL STUDY EMPHASIS:

Races and Reconciliation

Struggle of Decency, by Root & Hall (for adults)	1.95
Race Relations and Christian Mission, by Kitagawa (adult-youth)	1.95
Seeking To Be Christian In Race Relations, by Mays (senior-high)	1.50
Sense and Nonsense About Race, by Alpenfels (senior highs)	.75
Youth Guide to Races and Reconciliation	.75

A NEW SERIES FOR YOUTH

Questions For Christians

Why Read The Bible?, by Swaim (the relevance of the Bible)	.65
Can We Break Bread Together?, by Varner (study of Communion)	.65
Must Walls Divide?, by Harding (study of racial developments)	.65
East and West: One World Or Two?, by Ferwerda (faith & world)	.65

Further details about these and other Friendship Press publications may be found in the **Annual Announcement for 1965-66,** free from United Church Bookstore, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19102.

W. B. Williams Moonelon Memorial

A close friend and Laymen's Fellowship co-worker of the late W. B. Williams of Newport News, Mr. Russell V. Powell of Greensboro, in sending a memorial gift to Moonelon Center in appreciation for the life of his friend, requested that it be used in a permanent improvement or as part of a permanent improvement fund.

Mr. Williams was one of the laymen, during the early developmental days of Moonelon Center, whose vision enabled him to see the high potential of a ministry carried on there for young people and adults. He worked hard to gain support for new facilities. There are undoubtedly others who, like Mr. Powell, recall his concern and service. Memorial gifts in recognition of his life and in keeping with his efforts on behalf of the Center may be sent to The Moonelon Center Fund, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

Lenten Appeal Milk Funds

Several churches are sending in funds for the Lenten Appeal for milk and clothing for needy overseas, sponsored by The Mission Board of the Southern Convention. Used clothing through Church World Service helps to keep people warm and clothed. $3.00 will provide a cup of milk each day for one child for a year .

Other churches are reminded to send in their special lenten offerings for the milk and clothing appeal as soon as possible. Surely, the physical needs of people around the world are of great concern to us during all the year and especially after the Holy Season of Lent.

The "Pilgrim Circuit Rider" In The Philippines

"There has been a big increase in membership in the Philippines . . . the churches there are asking for help in leadership."

Many of you have already heard that I retired December 31st from the Division of Christian Education of the Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ. This completed thirty-two years of work connected with the mission effort in this country.

The new road to be travelled for three years is one which I have wished to travel ever since I was old enough to think about charting my course in life. I have received an assignment from the Board for World Ministries of the United Church of Christ to work in the Philippines for three years giving much the same type of service as I have done in this country as a so-called Circuit Rider. The Board for Homeland Ministries is giving the truck to the Board for World Ministries of our fellowship and the latter in turn is transferring ownership to the United Church of the Philippines. Our Division of Christian Education is providing educational equipment. The truck will stay in the Philippines when I leave there in the spring of 1968. Someone suggested that I am going along with the truck to be its driver. This statement has some truth in it, for the Board is interested in the idea of people seeing materials which may aid in improving their teaching ministry. I am told that there has been a big increase in membership in the Philippines and because of this the churches there are asking for help in leadership. Evidently I shall have a busy three years.

From: The Rev. Miss Leila Anderson
Phillipines

Training In India

"We laughed at ourselves and one another as we tried to learn together."

The Leadership Training Institute was a repeat performance! We had our first in 1957, you may remember. This was similar in that we worked with the elected officers of the women's groups in our churches. It was different in that we emphasized personal relationships and endeavored to help the delegates understand themselves and the causes of some of their problems in group work. Filmstrips, discussions, skits, masks, all were used to help convey ideas. We laughed at ourselves and one another as we tried to learn together, and then, in an inspiring Consecration Service dedicated ourselves to becoming in reality 'members one of another.' Too early for a candle light service, we used the 'Kiss of Peace' as a symbol of togetherness after the leader had read the words of St. Paul 'receive ye one another.'

From: Miss Naomi Blalock
India

In The Caroline Islands

"It is an exhilarating experience to be planning the program for a new school."

Little did the Marshall family realize a year ago that they would be looking forward to the Christmas season of 1964 from a small island in the Pacific. It was almost exactly a year ago that excitement was beginning to mount in our lives with the prospects of becoming educational missionaries. So Christmas of 1963 had a double significance for us. As we thought of the beginning of Christianity with the birth of Jesus, we could not help but feel strongly that we were experiencing the birth of a new life and work for ourselves.

There are so many exciting details of our new work which we would be happy to relate to you if only we had the time, but our days are so filled that we do not have the time to do half of what we set out to do.

It is an exhilirating experience to be planning the program for a new school. Our school has to be a challenge both to the educational standards to be set for Micronesia, and also to the spiritual standards. There seems to be such a great need for high spiritual and moral goals which must parallel the development of civilization for the islanders, or even be ahead of that development. Our high school has been in the minds and hopes of the spiritual leaders of the islands for some years now, and as the Lewis family (Ted Lewis will be the builder of our school) even now are planning transportation from Guam, there is a sense of excitement here on Truk among the leaders. They have looked forward to our arrival for quite some time and have welcomed us graciously whenever we have made appearances at their churches.

From: Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Marshall, Truk, E. Caroline Islands

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The Waverly Congregational Christian Church shared in an Easter Sunrise Union Service with the Waverly Baptist and Methodist churches this year. This service was held at 6:30 a.m. at the Congregational Christian Church. Pastor of the church is the Rev. John F. McCloy.

OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION

The Whole Family Of God

MRS. W. W. SLOAN

Assistant Professor of Spanish, Elon College
And Leader For Church-Hour Kindergarten
At Elon Community Church

Two weeks ago we had planted several seeds brought from the forest of giant redwoods in California. Today, Easter Sunday, the children were looking at the tiny seedling whose delicate green leaves had only recently been released from the brown seedpod. A new-born baby tree!

"It came from the Tree House", I reminded them, "a tree so big that the stump was as wide as this room!"

"My grandmother's house is a big house", said one child. "It's so big it cost about a billion dollars. My grandfather worked hard to build if for my grandmother. Then he got a heart attack and died."

There was conversation about hearts and heart attacks, and the essential nature of the circulatory system, carrying food to parts of the body as the sap nourishes the tree — a subject which had been discussed several times previously. With the arrival of Eddie and Jeannie, whose grandfather had recently died, the discussion again shifted — this time to "heaven".

"Your father told me that your grandfather **wanted** to die. He was so tired and sick — and there are so many nice things to do in heaven. . . Things you can't do here."

"Like flying," said one.

"What you want to do when you go to heaven?" I asked.

"Fly", said Nancy with enthusiasm.

"Jeannie?"

"I'd like to give flowers to God," she answered softly.

"Would you like to carry some flowers to the upstairs church and offer them to God? I know where we can find some." They all piled into the car, and soon were happily picking white narcisus and arranging them in a soft-colored ceramic vase, not too large or heavy for one child to carry. No time out for refreshments today, but into the car again and back to the church the children brought their gift, arriving five minutes before the close of the service.

"Jeannie, would you like to carry the flowers in and set them on the steps down in front?" Jeannie would. Waiting in front of the big closed doors, we could hear the minister's voice.

"Is that God?" asked one child in the awed voice.

"No. That is the minister. He is praying — talking to God."

The organ began to play; the great doors opened, and the people stood up to sing.

"Now you may go", whispered the usher. Jeannie hung back.

"I don't think I want to", she quavered.

"I will," said Nancy, who was a year older. Ronnie volunteered to go with her. Together they walked down the long aisle, very straight and very small between the rows of grown-ups who were their friends. At the far, far end Nancy carefully placed the vase on the top step and turned around.

Amid the joy and the music and the smiling faces the boy and the girl swiftly retraced their steps. Bursting with a spiritual experience almost too great to bear, Nancy fumbled for words.

"I was — I was — so **tickled** when I was walking back past my mama and daddy!" In the benediction response the voice of the choir blended with those of the children in a swelling ecstasy: "Amen, Amen!"

Elon College Commencement

This is the official invitation to Elon College alumni and friends to come to the campus for the Commencement weekend which is May 29-31.

For alumni the big day is Saturday, May 29. This is Alumni Day and everything centers around alumni for this special day. **All** alumni are urged to come for at least the festivities of the day. A number of classes are scheduled for reunions with the Golden Anniversary Class of 1915 being the honored class. Classes ending in **0** and **5** are to hold reunions — 1900, 1905, 1910, **1915**, 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, **1964**. The hope is expressed that many members of the graduating class of 1964 will return for their first reunion and that this will become an annual affair for them. In other words, everybody is urged to be present. Come early and spend as much time as you can!

A feature of the Alumni Banquet is the fact that McEwen Dining Hall is now air conditioned. No longer will guests suffer from the sweltering heat as in years past.

Note the schedule of activities and also the procedure for making reservations.

Rooms on Campus

Alumni who desire overnight accommodations will be assigned rooms in the new dormitories. Families may stay in the same dormitory. These rooms will be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, May 29, 30 and 31. It is important that reservations be made early. There will be no charge for the use of these rooms. However, guests should bring sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, etc. Guests who come by plane can arrange for these items on arrival. Meals can be secured in the dining hall at a very reasonable price.

Dress for the Banquet

Dress for the banquet will be formal at the head table. Others who desire to dress formal should feel free to do so. Rooms will be available for those who wish to dress formal after arrival on campus.

Reservations for Luncheon and Banquet

It is **very urgent** that reservations be made in advance in order that preparations can be made to serve the guests. These should be made by May 27. Tickets will be held for you if time does not permit reaching you by mail. Make checks payable to Elon College Alumni Association. If reservations are wanted for rooms, please give the following information: number of rooms needed, how long needed, who will occupy each room, approximate time of arrival.

Alumni Headquarters Will Be In The Carlton Library

SATURDAY, MAY 29

10:00 A.M.—Alumni Registration and Coffee Hour
(Carlton Library Reading Room)
12:30 P.M.—Picnic Luncheon, McEwen ($1.00)
2:00 P.M.—Alumni Business Meeting, Whitley
5:00 P.M.—Open House, West Dormitory Parlor
6:30 P.M.—Alumni Banquet, McEwen ($1.85)

SUNDAY, MAY 30

11:00 A.M.—The Baccalaureate Service, Whitley
8:00 P.M.—Program of Music

MONDAY, MAY 31

10:30 A.M.—The Graduating Ceremonies

ON COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMS

SATURDAY — The alumni address will be given by Dr. Ferry Lee Gibbs, '25 graduate, now minister of the Watson Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh.

The Outstanding Alumnus Award will be presented to Judge Eugene A. Gordon, '41 graduate, now Judge of the U. S. District Court of the Middle District of North Carolina.

SUNDAY — The Baccalaureate Sermon will be given by the Rev. Duane Vore, Conference Minister of the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ. He lives at East Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Vore is a graduate of Elon College in the class of 1950. He received his B.D. degree from Yale Divinity School of Yale University. Following his graduation from Yale he entered the U. S. Navy as a Chaplain. He has held pastorates in Michigan and was at one time pastor of the Suffolk Christian Church, Suffolk, Virginia.

He is married to the former Marguerite Blackmon, '37 Elon graduate. Mr. Vore took an active part in student affairs while at Elon and served as president of the Student Body.

MONDAY — The graduation ceremonies will be held on Monday. The address will be given by the Honorable Dan K. Moore, governor of the State of North Carolina. Governor Moore is a graduate of the University of North Carolina having received both his undergraduate and law training there. During his campaign for governor, he stressed a sound educational program as necessary for continued progress in North Carolina. Since becoming Governor he has proposed legislation to carry out his program. He has also expressed his interest in the continued growth of church-related institutions such as Elon College.

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PROFESSOR W. J. COTTEN

Funeral services for Professor W. J. Cotten, former Greensboro resident, of Holly Ridge, N. C., were conducted Monday afternoon, April 26th, in Jacksonville, N. C., where he passed away on April 23rd.

He was professor in the language department of Elon College from 1916 to 1928. A native of Dendron, Virginia, he moved with his family to Greensboro. He graduated as valedictorian in the class of 1915 at Elon College, and in 1916 he joined the Elon faculty as assistant professor of Latin. Since 1928 he was engaged in high school education in North Carolina until retirement four years ago. He was the brother of Mrs. W. T. Scott, Sr., of Elon College.

IN MEMORIAM

Richard Thomas Turner

On December 7, 1964, Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom called home, Mr. Richard Thomas Turner, a loyal and faithful member of the Windsor Congregational Christian Church.

The members of this Church hereby express their profound regret in the loss of this member.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Recreational Activity — Track

Dear Friends,

Pictured today on our page are the members of the track team at Western Alamance High School who live at the Elon Home for Children. Pictured with these is their coach, Mr. Carlton E. Stout. Coach Stout is the director of athletics at Western and in addition to track, is the head football coach.

It is our opinion that Western Alamance High School and our boys are most fortunate to have the caliber of man for such a position as is Coach Stout. He, along with the other coaches; namely, Mr. Harvey Sharpe, Head Basketball Coach; Mr. Eddie Hughes, Basketball Coach and Mr. Bobby Rainey, Girls Basketball Coach, are among the finest young men it has ever been our privilege to know.

These young men not only coach and teach in accordance with their profession, but they conduct themselves as Christian gentlemen with the boys and girls. We are certainly grateful that our boys and girls can have the opportunity to have guidance from such a group as this in their extra-curricular activities at school.

In the last three meets, these 9 boys have been a great help to the track team. The following will illustrate what I mean. In their meet with Eastern Alamance High School, Western won by the score of 71-41. 31½ of Western's points were won by these 9 boys. In their meet with Morehead High School, which we lost 62½ to 55½, our boys scored 26½ points. In their meet with Southern Alamance which they tied 59-59, our boys scored 35½ points.

We are quite proud of the record our boys are making in this particular extra-curricular activity. We realize that education is of vast importance and we believe that knowing how to work is important to young people as well. But we also believe participating in recreational activities can be a big assist to a boy's and girl's growing up. They learn lessons on the athletic field that will mean much to them in their adult life.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder

REPORT FOR APRIL 19, 1965
Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 330.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	146.45
Western North Carolina Conference	85.00
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	47.00
Total	$ 608.45
Special Offerings	
Women's Fellowship, First Christ. Ch., Burlington, N. C.	121.45
Miss Cleo Cash, Franklin, Virginia	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. Marvin Whitley, Suffolk, Va.	10.00
Augusta M. Rhinehart, Linville, Va.	10.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. Robert S. Fyke, III	
In Memory of Mr. Larry Ohleyer (3 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mrs. Strong	
In Memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. U. Newman	
In Memory of Mr. Jennings Bryan, Sr.	
In Memory of Mr. Curry Byrd	
In Memory of Mr. C. B. Benton	
In Memory of Mrs. Morris Bonnett	
Total Memorial Gifts	$ 77.00
Special Offerings	$1,857.52
Total	$2,077.97
Total for the Week	$2,686.42

Word From The Wilkins' In Turkey

"What is it that makes an institution uniquely Christian?"

Since returning to Tarsus, we have been busy, first with unpacking, having furniture made, and arranging our household. We were here a month before our furniture arrived, and it was still another month before our cookstove was in working order. Before our trunks and crates came, we were in the midst of our school duties: Beth as school nurse and librarian, Louis as vice-principal and teacher of math, psychology and English; three afternoons a week in a neighboring town are also spent teaching English.

There have been a number of additional steps taken along the pathway of partnership with Turkish nationals in Tarsus College: the organization of a ten-member Advisory Council, a Turkish version of a Parent-Teachers' Association, electing a Turk to the school's executive committee. In each, a Turkish "national" has meant a Moslem, for the indigenous church is not strong enough to supply the leadership needed. We are thus left to struggle with the all-important question: what is it that makes an institution uniquely Christian and to what degree can leadership of our mission institutions be delegated to nationals, (Moslems) without losing its uniquely Christian element?

From: Mr. Louis Wilkins
Turkey

A Manual For Local Church Officers

A manual for local church officers is now being published by United Church Press of the Division of Evangelism, and should be available in another six weeks.

It may be ordered only from Central Distribution Services, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19102 (or 2640 Pine Street, St. Louis, Mo., 63177). Price is $1.00 per copy, no reduction in price for quantity orders since a book of its size, if published for the regular trade market, would have to be priced at twice that amount or more.

Titled **Perspectives for a Local Church Officer,** the attractively paper-bound 128-page book was written by **Dr. James E. Wagner, editor of the Conference Courier,** former president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and former co-president of the United Church of Christ .

The Literature Committee had requested Dr. Wagner to re-write for use in the United Church his earlier little book "So You're A Consistoryman!" which had wide use in the Evangelical and Reformed Church with a total distribution approximating 100,000 copies. It was clear, however, that more than a re-write was necessary. While much of the former book is incorporated in the new one, two new chapters have been added, an outline of major sections of the book including the following:

I. **Your Four-Way Heritage,** designed to aid in mutual understanding and enrichment as well as to demonstrate the large measure of common ground, depicts the varying traditions in local church office in the Congregational, the Christian, the Evangelical, and the Reformed constituencies now in the United Church. For this chapter the author sought counsel from Dr. Douglas Horton, Dr. William T. Scott, and Dr. L. W. Goebel, and availed himself of assistance from the Congregational Library.

II. **Your New Testament Roots** gathers together sections of the New Testament portraying lay offices in the early church and their implications for the work of consistory, board of deacons, or church council in a United Church congregation.

III. **You Are A Republican** contrasts the papal, episcopal, presbyterial and congregational types of local church government, stresses the representative character of local lay office and the congregation as ultimate source of authority while at the same time it has bound itself by obligations to the larger fellowship.

IV. **You Organize For Mission** emphasizes the missionary character of a congregation, lists eighteen "areas of concern" for mission in which the local church must be organized, and links these areas of concern with the corresponding Instrumentalities of the United Church as the source and channels through which the congregation can share more fully in the worldwide Christian mission. The desirable size and structure of a church council is considered and its major general responsiblities suggested.

V. **You Minister With The Minister** emphasizes the ministry of the whole congregation, ordained and unordained, attempts to interpret some of the distinctive aspects of the ordained ministry, the mutual responsibilities of pastor and people, such matters as "the pastor's material care" and procedures when a pastorate ends and a congregation begins the quest for a new pastor, and concludes with a section on the church council's "monthly meeting."

Throughout the book, in addition to the New Testament as a primary source, the author has let himself be guided by the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Church of Christ and the model Form for Constitution and/or By-Laws for a Local Church of the United Church of Christ. Most, if not all, of the pertient sections of these two documents are incorporated in the book to make it as readily useful to lay church officers as possible.

One of the most frequent requests in our Conference is in training for members of our Trustee Boards, Elders and Deacons, their duties and responsibilities. You will find the **Perspectives for a Local Church Officer** helpful in your training program within the local parish. It is a needed tool in the administrative end of the organizational pattern of the United Church of Christ.

Blind Spots And Side-View Mirrors

By W. T. Joyner

When driving an automobile, it is important that we be able to see not only what is ahead of us but what is alongside us. Serious accidents can result from the inability of a driver to see the highway alongside his own vehicle. Without a side-view mirror to reflect this part of the highway, the driver has a dangerous "blind spot." In many other areas of life we also need a clear and constant vision of what is beside us. For example, if we are to grow in our appreciation of the people with whom we live, it is important that we train ourselves to see them from more than a single, monotonous point of view. In other words, we must train ourselves not to take one another for granted. Just as is the case with another car on the highway, the closer another person gets to us the harder it is for us to see him clearly and the more we are inclined to take him for granted. "Blind spots" can be disastrous both on the highway and in the realm of human relationships. In both cases, limited vision is the problem. The remedy, in both cases, is a good view of what is alongside us.

One of the chief faults of our world is that our vision is too small and limited. Perhaps it has always been so. When God revealed himself in Jesus Christ there were many who could not recognize him because they were expecting him to come either as a spectacular figure out of the past (from behind them) or as a recognizable figure of the Messiah in the distant future (ahead of them). But because the Christ moved into history alongside them as another human being, they were not able to see him. And because they could not see him they clashed with his will. Often we think that we would be able to believe more firmly in God if he were closer to us. But it is possible that we do not see him any clearer than we do just because he is already so close to us—in our breathing, in our thinking, in the neighbor who walks alongside us. A chief fault of our world is that our vision is too small. It is a world divided into segments of people who insist on looking in only one set direction. Nations and individuals are constantly "driving" without "side-view mirrors" (the appreciation of others) and hence they are constantly clashing into one another. The solution for all of us is the side view mirror known as the Golden Rule.

NATIONAL LEADERS TO BE AT UNITED CHURCH MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

MAY 17-19

Dr. Harold H. Wilke

The Rev. Dr. Harold H. Wilke of New York City is **director of the Council for Church and Ministry of the United Church of Christ.**

Dr. Wilke directs the denomination's programs of enlistment and training for vocations, the maintenance of professional standards, pastoral relations, in-service training, religion and health, social and parish workers, and military, industrial and institutional chaplaincies.

Before assuming his present position in 1962 Dr. Wilke served six years as director of the Commission on Church and Ministry of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. In 1961 the Commission joined with the Department of the Ministry of the Congregational Christian churches to form the Council for Church and Ministry of the United Church of Christ.

He was **pastor of the chapel at the University of Missouri** from 1938 to 1943, a hospital chaplain from 1944 to 1949, and **pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Crystal Lake, Illinois,** from 1949 to 1955.

Dr. Wilke is **chairman of the department of the ministry of the National Council of Churches' Commission on Higher Education** and co-chairman of the department of pastoral services of the Division of Christian Life and Work. He is a member of the General Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C.

He has traveled widely throughout the world, preaching and lecturing in Tokyo, Bombay, Honolulu, Athens and Jerusalem, Vienna and Bonn. In 1962 he was a delegate to the ninth assembly of the International Congregational Council in Rotterdam, Holland.

Born in Washington, Missouri in 1914, he was educated at the University of Missouri (A.B.), Union Theological Seminary, New York City (B.D.) and Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Massachusetts (S.T.M.). He also studied at Eden Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago.

He was awarded an honorary doctorate by Mission House Seminary, Plymouth, Wisconsin.

Dr. Wilke is **the author of two books,** "Greet the Man," Christian Education Press, and "Strengthened with Might," Westminister Press, and several articles in professional journals.

Rev. Donald L. Benedict

The Rev. Donald L. Benedict, Chicago, Illinois, is the executive director of the **Urbanization Emphasis Committee of the Executive Council of the United Church of Christ,** a two-year denominational project established to develop means of dealing with problems of urbanization.

On loan to the United Church for one year from the Chicago City Missionary Society, Mr. Benedict's responsibility is **to make the Church aware of its role in metropolitan missions, housing, unemployment, poverty, and the effect of urbanization on rural life.**

Mr. Benedict has served as **general director of the Chicago City Missionary Society** since 1960. There he administers an inner-city program which includes four neighborhood houses, a ministry to Spanish-speaking residents and a camp for underprivileged city youth.

From 1954 to 1960 Mr. Benedict did **inner-city work** in Cleveland, Ohio, where he organized the Inner-City Protestant Parish and then served as its director. Earlier he was active in organizing the West Side Christian Parish, Chicago, and the East Harlem Protestant Parish in New York City.

In 1957, Mr. Benedict attended a consultation on industrial mission at the Ecumenical Institute in Geneva, Switzerland, and in 1964 he participated in a conference on the missionary structure of the congregation, also in Geneva.

He has had articles published in **City Church, Dialogue** and **Renewal.**

Born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1917, Mr. Benedict attended high school in Tecumseh, Michigan. He graduated from Albion College, Albion, Michigan in 1939 (B.A.) and from Union Theological Seminary, New City in 1948 (B.D.) He has also studied at Chicago Theological Seminary.

Mr. Benedict is married to the former Ann Cnare of Detroit. They have four daughters: Kennette, Sandra, Susan and Ruth.

Outreach Of Witwatersrand Congregational Church

". . . been asked . . . to share in the many ecumenical ventures which seek to express the unity of Christ's Church."

The church in South Africa has assigned us to work in the large Transvaal goldmining area. Its center is Johannesburg, the Chicago of Africa, only 80 years old but with a population of over a million people. Though designated "urban," our area of work extends 200 miles east and 100 miles to the west, a vast area with two-and-a-half million people living in mine compounds, large industrial centers, small towns, and on farms. The Witwatersrand Congregational Church (through whom we work) seeks to minister to about 60 urban townships, over 80 mine compounds, and numerous farm groups. Besides South African Zulu, and Tswana-speaking people, our ministry extends to migratory workers from Angola, Bechuanaland, and Mozambique.

This widespread work is shared by 8 trained African ministers, the Bergfalks, and the Wings who are our colleagues from the London Missionary Society, and many, many volunteer African laymen who serve as preachers, deacons, and lay leaders. Bob has been asked by the church (WCC) to try to strengthen the mine compound work, to develop a comprehensive youth program, and to share in the many ecumenical ventures which seek to express the unity of Christ's Church.

From: The Rev. Robert Bergfalk
South Africa

1965 Vocations Retreat

A Report

Interesting, Informative, and Inspiring. . . These three words are a meager attempt to describe impact of the 1965 Vocational Retreat at Moonelon camp center April 23-25.

Registration started at 6:00 on Friday, April 23 and continued until 7:00 at which time Rev. Rinker made opening remarks and briefed the retreaters on the purpose and schedule of the weekend experience.

Then at 7:30 a film strip concerning Christian vocations was presented. It was followed by small group discussions from 8:00 to 8:30. Feedback, the group report, revealed there could be a number of answers to the question: "Who am I?"

Next came recreation and refreshments, and finally a vesper service concerning Jeremiah.

Slowly but surely the 40 or so campers and counselors arose to eat a fine breakfast at 8:30. Then at 9:15 a very interesting and informative panel presentation was given. Five areas of Christian vocational opportunity were included. Rev. John Biggerstaff from the Children's Home spoke on Social Work. Former Missionary to China Rev. Richard L. Jackson gave an insight into the Missionary Service. Next Rev. G. Melvin Palmer of the Peace U.C.C. in Greensboro talked about the Pastoral Ministry. Mr. Jack White, Elon College music teacher and church choir director, then explained to the retreaters the Ministry of Music. Last but not least Rev. Rinker spoke on the field of Christian Education. From 10:15 to 11:45 the young people discussed their questions with the speakers on the two areas in which they were most interested.

After lunch Rev. explained the resources given to the retreaters in their vocations folder. The resources included the Vocations issue of the **Christian Sun,** the Vocations issue of **Youth,** and several pamphlets on the different Christian Vocations.

Next the small groups took under study the scripture from Jeremiah 1:6-10 in the **King James, The Goodspeed,** and **Revised Standard Versions** of the **Bible.** The following questions were asked of each group: (1) What literally took place according to the words of Jeremiah? (2) What symbolically took place as these words are considered? (3) What may take place according to these words, literally or symbolically, in the life of any young person? (4) What is the meaning of the last statement by God? The thoughts and opinions of the groups were then brought out in another feedback session.

Meanwhile, during the small group discussions, the Southern Convention officers present met to work out the final plans for the **P. F. Officers Planning and Training Conference** this summer (June 20-26). Judging from the plans this should be one camp **not** to miss! The theme will be "New Patterns for Old Truths."

At 5:15 came 45 minutes of service to the camp in the form of brush clearing and consequently the collection of a good bit of fire wood. Each group was assigned a special area of the camp to clean.

Following dinner was Creative Worship Planning. This was another small group effort in which each group had a certain part of the Sunday morning worship service. An hour was devoted that evening to the planning.

Then at 8:00 a CBS film entitled **Burma Surgeon** was presented. It was about a missionary or in his own words " a man with a mission" who had gone to a small village in Burma and had built up the local hospital to help the natives of Burma. After the film the campers discussed in **triads** (discussion group of three in which one member is required to only listen and report what is said) the question of who the missionary thought he was. Then the triads reported their conclusions and discussed the ideas in the group.

After recreation and refreshments and a very inspiring fireside Vesper Service everyone was off to bed.

Looking back on the retreat one can only say that it was unforgetable and indescribably helpful. If you missed it you should make amends by attending the P. F. Planning and Training Conference, June 20-26. See you there!

Noel Allen

Doubts In Deity

1. They are learning the secrets of life; the basic chemicals that make us what we are are being synthesized; it is reported that the biologists may be able to make life in a test tube. If man is able to understand these secrets and have power of life, does not that question the existence and omniscience of God?

(A) If one answered this "yes" he needs only to think of what is the true "thing" of life. It is the **soul.** No scientist can find or analyze the soul. The body is merely a shell containing the inner person which is the most important part in eternity.

2. Psychiatrists are controlling the actions of many misled people. Madison Avenue sells us things we do not want to buy. Does not this question God's power over the mind?

(A) The fact remains that man cannot make a mind or soul. The soul cannot be controlled by anyone. However it can be influenced. If Christian principles are applied, then the psychiatrist and salesman are disarmed.

2. The scientists say that the world was formed from swirling gases over a period of millions of years. They say that man evolved later over many more millions of years from the simplest form of sea life. Does not this contradict the Bible, the very word of God?

(A) The scientists have not proven this but if they could the truth lies in the consideration that much of the Bible was written as a parable. Facts that may have turned away any prospective believer might be made compatible by simplifying them. Also the word of God should not be questioned because of differences in historical facts which were written by men. The Bible, in essence, is not a history book as much as it is a moral and ethical guide for the believer, and a revealer of God's love acting in history.

Science depends on one assumption—that its rules, logic, and processes are consistent in infinity. Modern philosophy questions whether or not one plus one is always two!

Likewise Christianity depends on one thing—Faith.

Remember Operation Icebreaker!

FOURTH ANNUAL GATHERING FOR SOUTHERN CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST WOMEN

The Women's Summer Conference of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ will be held this year at Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina, June 15-18. The theme will be: "Mission — The Christian's Calling". The cost is $16.50 for full-time dorm registrations and $4.00 for full-time day registrations. **Only full-time registrations will be accepted.** The maximum number will be **200** so registrations should be sent in right away. Registrations and checks should be sent to Mrs. Tom Gadd, 3004-13th Avenue, S. W., Hickory, North Carolina, **not later than June 1, 1965.**

Officers for the Summer Conference are: Mrs. Van Grimes, Chairman; Mrs. F. C. Lester, Advisor; Mrs. S. A. Isenhour, Secretary and Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Treasurer.

The Summer Conference Committee is as follows: Mrs. W. D. Gay, Mrs. J. T. Stanley, Mrs. Robert Forbes, Mrs. R. M. Kimball, Mrs. K. D. Register, Mrs. R. L. Jackson, Mrs. Henry Kennedy, Jr., Mrs. S. A. Isenhour and Mrs. Bill Hedrick.

Dr. John L. Casteel of Simsbury, Connecticut will be the Bible Study Leader each morning. Mrs. K. D. Register will be in charge of discussion groups after the Bible presentation. Mrs. F. C. Lester of High Point, North Carolina, will be in charge of the Mission Study Theme, assisted by Mrs. J. T. Stanley and Mrs. W. D. Gay. Mrs. Stuart Sinclair of Greenfield, Massachusetts, will lead a study of "United Church Women".

A class will be held each afternoon on "Program Planning" led by Mrs. Henry Kennedy, Jr., and Mrs. Bill Hedrick.

Special Interest Groups will be held in the afternoon: "Drama", Mr. Hoyt McCachren; "Music", Mrs. Hiram E. Davis and Mrs. Lane C Drye; "Growing Through Groups" by Mrs. R. L. Jackson and one on "Art" by a person to be named later.

The Evening Sessions will be open to the public. Dr. Casteel will speak on Tuesday evening on the theme, "Mission — The Christian's Calling". A film, "The Toymaker", will be shown on Wednesday evening. Discussion groups will follow the film, led by Mrs. W. M. Alexander. A Reactor Panel will discuss the film also. Mrs. Sinclair will speak on Thursday evening.

THE WOMEN'S SUMMER CONFERENCE

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NOTES FROM THE DESK

THE CREATIVITY OF YOUTH

Young people have several things going for them when it comes to being creative. They aren't inclined to allow themselves to be confined within set patterns, for example. Nor do they experience the doubt in their own abilities with which adults sometimes burden themselves. Willing to try out new ways, experimenting with their talents and the resources at hand, young people will produce amazing results when they are encouraged.

But they have several things operating against them, too. And sometimes these negative influences play more important parts in their lives than the constructive ones. The biggest negative influence is an adult without faith in young people. The adult who classifies all teenagers by the headlines rampant in newspapers. The adult who fails to offer encouragement and, quite to the contrary, places restrictions of suspicion and poor judgment on the whole of our youthful generation.

Jeremiah has some words for young people which more adults need to reacquaint themselves with. They're found in the first ten verses of his book. Too many adults have failed in their response to God. They have refused, or been unable, to cast aside the confinement of comfortable patterns, the apron strings of Sunday School religion, and the shallowness of immature faith. The limit of their relationship to God is an ethical one. There is little attention given to creative witnessing in His behalf.

Young people can bear a creative witness. If teenagers are to be reached, one suspects, a large part of the reaching is going to have to be done by other teenagers. Adults can't or won't because of the conscious or unconscious restrictions with which they've burdened themselves.

Our God is a creative God. He has made it possible for His creatures to respond in creative ways to His love. From the wide variety we find in His handiwork, we might be led to suspect that He becomes tired with the vainness of our repetitions and set ways. Life is a changing, flexible process encompassing wide differences in individuals and their situations. To expect "our" ways of doing things to meet everyone's ways of doing things is to be unaware of the marvelous divergencies about us.

Young people are frequently more responsive to the varieties of life than they are to the patterns established. And this bothers adults. It makes them uncomfortable. It seems to be a threat. Or maybe an affront to the ways they do things. If this is so, it is perhaps because we feel insecure in our faith and haven't found the foundation which shall always be broad enough to include variety and differences in its structure as it is abuilding. The foundation is the creative love of God.

Whether it be in their worship, or in the ways they discover and express the truths given by God for them as well as for adults, young people have the right to be creatively engaged in responding to God. That they are too often neither encouraged to do so nor given the opportunities is a failure of the church, which itself should be re-creative.

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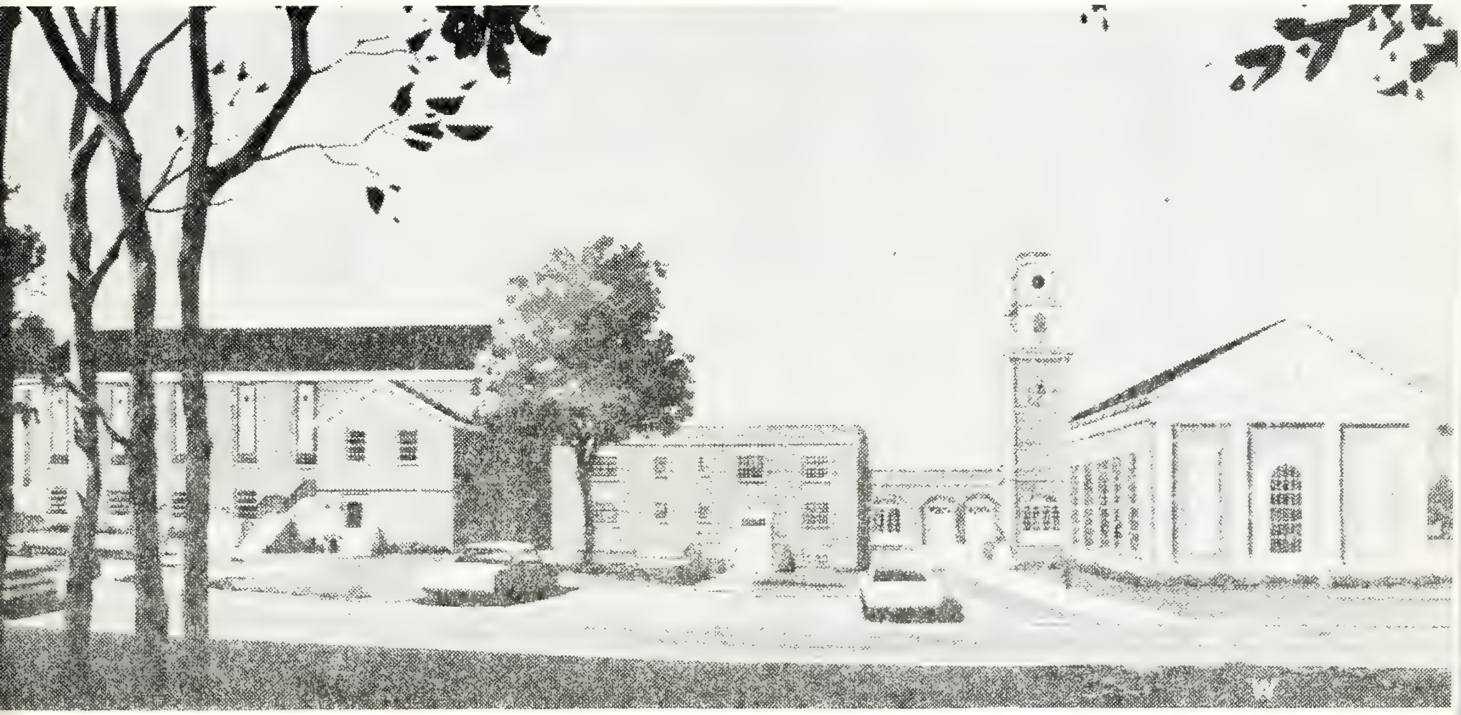

Beverly Hills, Burlington, Proposed New Building

A twelve-week Capital Funds program at Beverly Hills United Church of Christ in Burlington was climaxed May 2 with an every-member canvass to raise funds for the proposed new educational building.

John F. Westfield of New York City, secretary of the Church Finance Advisory Service of the Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ, is directing the project. Mr. Westfield presented the morning message on May 2; during the service the pastor of the church, the Reverend Kenneth D. Register, commissioned the canvassers who went out that afternoon.

Vernon Lewis has been engaged as architect for the new building. Final plans will be adopted following the completion of the canvass. An estimated $110,000 is the cost for the new building. It will consist of thirteen classrooms large enough to meet present church school standards and equipped with modern facilities, a spacious and well-equipped kitchen, and a fellowship hall.

Other facilities to be included are a choir room, a large parlor, church school office, pastor's study with secretary's room and church library, as well as adequate storage space and rest room facilities. Plans call for the new unit to be constructed in close proximity to the present sanctuary and to be easily accessible to all floor levels of the present building. It will be erected in such a manner that a larger and more adequate sanctuary may be erected at some later date to complete the long-range building program.

The Beverly Hills United Church of Christ was organized May 6, 1951 with thirteen charter members. Currently it has a membership of 361. The Mission Board of the Southern Convention, with the encouragement of the First Christian Church (UCC) in Burlington, launched the new church extension. The Reverend Robert Woodruff, Jr. was the first pastor He was followed by the Reverend W. W. Snyder in 1952. Mr. Register became pastor in 1958.

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: give, and it shall be given unto you . . .
/KJ

Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you . . .
/RSV

Don't judge other people and you will not be judged yourselves. Don't condemn and you will not be condemned. Make allowances for others and they will make allowances for you. Give and men will give to you . . .
/Phillips

Of all of the inclinations toward which men lean, judging and condemnation are among the most satisfying. The one raises one's own self-esteem. The other increases one's sense of being holier than others.

Forgiveness and generosity, quite to the contrary, are two qualities requiring more of men than they are likely to relish giving. The one removes the satisfaction of judging and condemning. The other can be painful and thankless.

It is quite disconcerting to note that Jesus does not allow us the satisfaction of being judges or condemnators. Equally burdensome to our wagonloads of complacency and smugness are the phrases he spoke relative to forgiving and giving. For in each of these four, the responsibility to receive in kind rests squarely on men's weary shoulders.

The comfort is missing. The solace and thoughts of warmth are absent. In **these** lines each of us—regardless of who we are or in what situation we find ourselves — is clearly involved in a cause and effect relationship from which we cannot be extricated. What we do, so shall it be done to us. Do unto others. . . .

THE FIFTH ANNUAL

United Church Ministers' Conference

BLOWING ROCK

May 17 - 19

Contrary to previous announcements, and the programs which have been sent to ministers, Dr. Harold Wilke will not be sharing in the Ministers' Conference at Blowing Rock next week. Instead, two additional national leaders will be present: **Dr. Robert Moss**, president of Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, will speak on **The Pastor In Our Day; Dr. Edmond Lippy,** secretary for the New Church Development Department of the Church Extension Division of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, New York City, will speak on **The Pastor In His Day.** As previously announced, **Dr. Donald Benedict,** of the Church and Urbanization Emphasis within the Home Missions Board of the United Church, will speak on **The Church In Our Day.**

Leaders from within the Southern Convention will include: the Reverends Carl Daye (Greensboro), George Gay (Wilmington), Richard Jackson (Durham), Judson King (Bricks), Melvin Palmer (Greensboro), Marlin Schaeffer (Lexington), and W. E. Wisseman (Greensboro). Officers for this Ministers' Conference are: Rev. Donald Leonard (chairman), Rev. L. T. Wilkins (registrar). The theme for the Conference will be **THE CHURCH IN OUR DAY.** Cost for the sessions is $12.00.

Lenten Milk & Clothing Appeal

Churches which participated in the Lenten Clothing and Milk project of The Mission Board should notify the Southern Convention Office of final results. Milk and clothing are badly needed by children and adults around the world.

Three dollars will provide a cup of milk per day per child for a full year. Over a million depend on the generosity of the United States and the mission program of our churches.

Please send money raised for the milk project to the Southern Convention Office at your early convenience. Remember, for each $3.00 sent, a hungry child will receive a cup of milk a day for a full year.

John D. Schofield Installed At Palm Street

On May 9, at the Palm Street United Church of Christ, the Reverend John D. Schofield was installed as pastor and teacher of the church. Sharing in the service at 7:30 p.m. were the following: the Reverends **H. Winfred Bray** (pastor at Union Ridge and President of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference); **O. H. Folger** (retired Friends pastor and representative of the Greensboro Ministerial Fellowship); **Clyde L. Fields** (Superintendent of the Southern Convention); **W. J. Andes** (pastor of Elon College Community Church and Chairman of the Conference Committee on the Ministry); **W. E. Wisseman** (pastor of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Greensboro); **Miss Linda Fulk,** church organist; **Mrs. K. R. Harder,** church pianist; **Mr. K. R. Harder,** Director of Music; **Mr. Curtis Brady,** Chairman of the Board of Deacons.

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The Response Of Loyalty

Word from Rev. and Mrs. Max Vestal, who are organizing the Diamond Bar Church at Diamond Bar, California, indicates that the Church is under construction and a full spring program of activities is in progress. The Church Newsletter carried the following article, which we think worthy of reprinting in THE CHRISTIAN SUN:

Because in a world of smothering collectivism she ever insists upon the dignity of the human spirit;

Because she is the custodian of the spiritual and her teaching of each souls' priceless value under the sovereignty of God is Freedom's last bulwark;

Because democracy was born of her birth pangs, truths in which I have found life's highest meaning and she offers to pass on these durable riches to my children when I can no longer influence or endow them;

Because in her determination to build a brotherly society out of men redeemed from selfishness, she alone calls me to a crusade big enough to engage all my powers and release the hero in my soul;

Because she only offers refreshment to my tired spirit, companionship to my lonely soul, and assurance to my questioning mind;

Because in life's latest nightfall when I have passed beyond the last outpost of human help, she will lift up my eyes and gird my heart with quenchless hope;

Because she alone tells of Him who lived and died and arose in unconquerable love, revealing the Father in Whose heart is compassion for the suffering, forgiveness for the penitent, strength for the weary and world-broken, and joyous communion for us all.

FOR THESE REASONS:

I will stand by the church; I will give her my sacrificial devotion; to her I will dedicate a just proportion of my means that her influence may be enlarged; that her spirit may be dominant in my community and her gentle ministry known to earth's farthest ends.

Christ loved the church and gave himself. I will love the church and give myself.

From The Southern Synod

The Southern Synod is the Evangelical and Reformed member of our Southern Convention family. At their meeting in April, the following items were considered, among others, which might be of interest to Southern Convention people.

The Committee on Our Christian World Mission reported that 96.1% of the apportionment for Synod was paid in 1964. The treasurer of the Synod reported that receipts totalled $149,830.99.

The Church and Ministry Committee reported 13 students now under care. Three of these have been approved for ordination and commissioning. **The Committee on Evangelism** reported 35 churches in Synod are engaged in the M.O.R.E. movement. The total number of churches in the Southern Synod, according to the 1964 Yearbook, is 70 with 16,556 members.

The United Church Retirement Home reported a donation of land two miles east of Newton and a gift of $200,000 from Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Abernethy, who will also raise another $100,000. Recommendations include $1.00 per member in local church budgets and the inclusion of the Retirement Home in wills as a living memorial.

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

Does The A. B. C. System Really Control?

Several towns in North Carolina are providing for Referendums, whereby communities vote to accept or reject the A.B.C. system of controlling alcoholic beverages. Does the A.B.C. system control and bring about moderation? In my judgment, the answer is a big, unequivocal "NO"!

I start by stating my bias. I am in favor of total abstinence with respect to alcoholic beverages. I state my bias as a Christian and an observer of society where alcoholic beverages are sold and consumed.

In the early clamor for A.B.C. stores, it was stated that this was a wonderful method of providing moderation and control. It was a foregone conclusion that people are going to drink, and the best way to keep bootleggers out of the profit column is for the state and local community to enter into the liquor retail business. This would provide for less drinking and more control. What a cruel hoax and joke has been perpetrated upon us as citizens of North Carolina.

In my judgment, we have substituted the profit motive for the earlier noble ideal of moderation and control. Selling liquor is profitable. Bootleggers and the A.B.C. stores make a profit. Several towns and communities are clamoring to get into the profits made from the sale of alcoholic beverages. The profits are used for schools and many other noble projects. The question is: Does the profit compensate for all the misery and moral deterioration caused by the sale of and use of the product?

The writer would applaud efforts being made in the cities of Asheboro, Randleman, and other towns of North Carolina to put the church and Christians on record as being opposed to the sale of alcoholic beverages and to the A.B.C. stores as a satisfactory way of moderation and control. I stand with those who declare that there is enough dynamic for successful living contained in the faithful proclamation and living of the Christian gospel, so that the stimulus derived from alcoholic beverages would not be needed. Would that we possessed more of the Holy Spirit felt on Pentecost and in the lives of the early disciples, to the end that distilled spirits would be distasteful to us!

Clyde L. Fields

The Southeast Convention Acts Favorably On Consolidation

The Annual Meeting of the Southeast Convention was held at Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Georgia, on April 24-25th. Guest speakers included Dr. Ben M. Herbster, President of the United Church of Christ, and Rev. George Nishimoto of the Council for Church and Ministry. Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Superintendent of the Southeast Convention, reports that favorable action was taken on a plan to consolidate the churches in the Southeastern area into the Southeastern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Our congratulations and best wishes to Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Superintendent, and to the churches of the Southeast Convention!

OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION

What's Happening In Christian Education!

By Richard N. Rinker

Since the introduction of new educational resources began several years ago, encouraging things have been happening in local churches. **Church members,** otherwise virtually unaware of the educational mission being carried out by their fellowship, suddenly realized that something had created a stir. **Teachers,** long accustomed to particular patterns and customs, found new ideas being offered which didn't quite seem right at first glance. **Administrators** gave second thoughts to an old principle—evaluation—and were thereby made aware of lax standards and outdated or meaningless methods and habits which had gradually been eroding the educational program in their church. **Students** began coming into their own as individuals capable of responding in significant ways to opportunities for growth and self-expression.

Yes, indeed, things **have** been happening where churches have been willing to admit **and try meeting** the need for whole-church awareness of their educational mission; for freshness and relevancy in teaching; for regular self-examination of the church educational program; and for making a witness to today's students where they are, whether children, young people, or adults.

Small Group Experiences

Leaders in the educational mission of local churches have been discovering the dynamic effectiveness of small group work. And the simple fact is that **it does work!** Whether in play opportunities for children, the conversation-discussion groups of young people, or the depth study engaged in by adults, small groups within larger groups have changed an unresponsive mass into a community of responding individuals.

When thoroughly understood, and not abused, with adequate planning men's and women's fellowship leaders, church school teachers, and program planners for youth groups have found at first puzzling ideas such as "triads," "buzz groups" and "listening teams" to be exciting and stimulating ways to encourage face-to-face dialogues. These have turned out to be ideal for finding out what remains below the superficial attitudes and responses so often expressed in comfortable words and phrases.

Orientation in God's Truth

When individuals have opportunities to "open up," as small groups encourage them to do, it doesn't require many such experiences for them to realize that (1) in the past they were largely content to dwell at shallow levels of ideas, and (2) in honest searching together they need badly to dig deeply into the basic relationships and concepts the names for which they have so unthoughtfully tossed about in the past.

This kind of discovery brings with it the disturbing realization that God's truth for His people, as revealed in the **Bible,** has just been scratched on the surface by most folks. The truth of the **Bible,** and its validity, becomes firmly based not just in its words, which are the initial impressions we receive, but sometimes more importantly in the relationships and ideas which only become apparent when we think of those things to which the words direct our attention. One part of the church's educational mission is to provide encouragement and opportunities for finding these basic truths.

For example, one practical truth given by God in the life of Jesus, which hardly ever gets attention without digging behind the words telling about our Lord, has to do with the principles to be used in witnessing to Him. And this is the fact that we witness most effectively when we use the familiar language and experiences of the people to whom we are witnssing. Even then, if we think about Jesus' technique for teaching, we must provide help in understanding and live in our relationships with others in ways which further illustrate the truth we say we believe.

Leadership Training Increase

Learning to help people make effective use of techniques, such as small group work, requires training and practice. Helping people in their "digging" assumes that leaders have, themselves, "dug" and can at least begin offering fruitful guidance. These are two parts of the necessary growth of leaders which have been becoming obvious as real teaching has developed.

More and more local churches are urging—even insisting—that those engaged in the educational mission shall regularly share in growth opportunities: workshops, demonstrations, and conferences. These leaders are increasing in their awareness of this need and in their willingness to get training and use what such training can provide.

The use of resources which assist in this continuing training is increasing. This is true not only in our own denomination as the new curriculum gains wider and wider acceptance, but also in the other major denominations as **they** introduce new teaching tools.

Growing Up

Christian education is maturing. Those involved in its work are being helped to greater maturity as Christians and as workers in its mission. To be sure, there are still many who refuse to see any value in the kinds of things that have been happening in the past ten years. This is unfortunate, for they are depriving those to whom they witness of wonderful and God-directed channels of inspiration and growth.

HELP WANTED!!

THE SENIOR HIGH P.F. PLANNING & TRAINING CONFERENCE

From June 20-26, approximately 50 young people, high school age, will come to Moonelon Center for training in youth fellowship work. They will come, that is, if adults can be found who are willing to spend the week there with them. So far **not one adult** has indicated any concern by committing himself or herself for small group leadership that week!

This P & T Conference is a fine opportunity not only for young people but also for adults with responsibilities in youth work at the local church level. During this week, programming help will be provided, resources introduced, practice in doing the kinds of things that can be done with youth groups, inspiration, fun, fellowship . . . WHERE ARE THE ADULTS? Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C., would like to know about four women and three men willing to share in this week.

Pentecost Materials Available

A poster with a Pentecost theme and a church bulletin cover with the inside blank for mimeographing or printing are available from the World Council of Churches. The bulletin covers are $2.00 per hundred, postpaid.

Send to: WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, Room 439, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027.

YOUTH RETREAT HELD AT VIRGINIA BEBACH

Forty-one senior high young people attended the Youth Retreat held April 23-25 at Camp Owaisa, Virginia Beach. Sharing in this retreat were young people from the Lynnhaven Colony, First, and Pembroke Manor United Churches of Christ.

Youth In Tomorrow's World was the theme for the weekend, and the program featured the motion picture, **Tomorrow,** a discussion on the effects of automation, and a lecture by Professor William Neal, of Old Dominion College, on "The Individual in a Technological Age."

Raleigh United Day Camp

During the week of June 14, the United Church of Raleigh and the First Congregational Church of Raleigh will share in a joint Vacation Church School Day Camp at Umstead State Park. This is a program of instruction, interracial fellowship and recreation for children in kindergarten through the eighth grade.

Operation Icebreaker Progress

Since the last report the following groups have sent gifts in for the 1964-65 Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship Project to raise $1500 for heaters in the Moonelon Center cabins: Sophia Sr. PF (10.00); Greensboro Congregational UCC PF (15.00); Christian Vocations Retreat (31.84). The total is now $338.46. So that we can have the heaters in by fall, please send your share in now!

Lamentation For A Lost Child

By William T. Joyner

For a moment we held you,
Child of the night.

But you belong to the shadows
And they have reclaimed you.
Go, dear child, go.
Run through the warm summer night.
Go!

Go where the millions like you go tonight,
Into the deep shadows where hope is absent,
Where demons lurk to devour you;
Go, dear, wonderful child of the night.
God go with you.

And let me, O God of sorrowing love, go also —
Into the night where she and the multitudes
Of her frail and lost companions have gone.

(This is dedicated to the children of our society who must return again and again to homes torn by husband-wife battles, hatred, and fearful insecurity. May God, indeed, be with them.—The Editor)

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

Junior Highs Break Record!

Bill Simmons

The church grounds of the **Eure Christian Church** was a mass of young people Sunday afternoon, May 2nd. From the city churches, they came. From the town and village churches, they came. From the rural churches across Eastern Virginia, they came. By bus, by station wagons, and by automobiles, they came. And when the roll was called, **420** P.F.'ers were present for the Eastern Virginia Junior High Spring Rally, the largest group to attend a rally in the Conference.

The rally was held in **western style,** outdoors around a camp fire, with the young people dressed in their Western attire. Live horses and mules and ponies and goats were hitched around the area to add a real western touch to the program.

Ranch Foreman Mary William Baines, President of the Eastern Virginia Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship, got the program off to a rooting, tooting, shooting start at 3:30 o'clock. With his big western hat and guitar, Dude Carroll Lewis, pastor of the Rosemont Church, led the group in a song fest of western music. Wrangler Bill Simmons, Virginia Field Secretary, presented the summer camp program at Moonelon, followed by a radio dramatization **Conversation At Moonelon** given by the Great Bridge P.F. A new project for the Fellowships — **Operation Peep Peep,** a project to purchase live baby chicks to be sent to countries to help needy people — was presented by Wrangler Simmons. Posters and materials were given to each group to help promote the six months project.

Exciting events filled the program. A **MILKING CONTEST** using girls from the city was held. Dr. R. E. Brittle, pastor of the Bethlehem Church, gave the girls a real demonstration in the art of milking. A **HITCHING CONTEST,** hitching a mule to a cart, was held for the boys with some boys from the rural churches coming to the rescue of the city boys. The girls gave a try at a **CORN SHELLING CONTEST** and again the country girls came out on top.

An attendance Award, given on a per centage basis, was awarded for the first time. Mt. Zion and Berea tied for the award, both having perfect attendance. Each group will enjoy the trophy for three months. It will be awarded at each rally.

The closing worship service was given by the Berea P. F. using a skit based on the story of the Good Samaritan. The next rally will be held in November.

E. Va. Junior Highs Finish Project

Last Fall the **Eastern Virginia Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship** ventured out on a project to prepare **SCHOOL KITS** for Church World Service. Each Fellowship was challenged to complete at least one Kit, with a goal for 35 Kits. At their Spring Rally, Sunday, May 2nd, the project was completed with **52 Kits.**

Each **SCHOOL KIT** contains 6 pencils, composition books, 3 tablets, 1 drawing pad, 1 eraser, 1 ball point pen, 2 boxes of crayons and 1 cloth bag for the materials. The much needed materials will be used in schools overseas.

The new project for the Junior Highs is **OPERATION PEEP PEEP,** a project to purchase live baby chicks to be sent overseas to help improve the stock. Each chick costs 25¢.

Southern Convention Women's Fellowship

The Southern Convention Women's Fellowship held its 52nd anniversary session (26th Biennial) **April 27-28th** at **The Christian Temple, Norfolk.** Mrs. Robert M. Kimball (president) presided throughout the session, the theme of which was, **Mission — The Christian's Calling.** Mrs. Lafayette Wilkins, who led the opening worship serivce, set the tone of the meeting as she recounted Isaiah's vision of God in the Temple and subsequent response to His call to mission. Greetings from The Christian Temple were given by Mrs. R. E. Brickhouse, and a letter from Mrs. Henry Kennedy, Jr., conveyed greetings from the Southern Synodical Women's Guild. Rev. L. Bill Simmons recognized the ministers and visitors. A resume of Executive Board minutes was made by Mrs. W. J. Andes, Secretary, together with a financial statement in the absence of Mrs. W. B. Williams, treasurer. It was noted that a total of $41,636.95 had been turned in to the Convention Treasurer for the biennium. Reports of Officers and Departmental Chairmen were received.

The President, Mrs. Robert M. Kimball then addressed the meeting, speaking on our present Christian efforts as they relate to the work of past Christians and anticipate the world of the future. Recalling Paul's admonition to "press on" with "patience" with eyes "fixed on Jesus Christ", Mrs. Kimball stressed **the importance of responding to the great changes which are taking place in every area of our lives,** relevantly. "God has special tasks for all people at all times, to be done in different ways," she said. "He speaks to his people in different ways. Moses heard Him from the burning bush, Elijah heard Him in the still small voice. Perhaps He speaks to us today through the front pages of our newspapers." She went on to say that God's tasks have never been easy or popular and are best carried out by individual Christians who realize their missionary calling in the places where they are, and serve him there with devotion.

Mrs. Lowell Smoot presented the first reading of the **Recommendations Committee Report.** Following a 10 minute intermission a dramatization, arranged by Mrs. Smoot, told of the new role of the church in the modern mission field, as it tries to relate itself to the national, social and religious life in such countries as India, Turkey, Ghana, Europe and Ecuador.

Mrs. Harold Tribble and Mrs. Dwight Moore then reviewed the **new program materials** for the year. Mrs. Kenneth Register reported on Summer Conference 1965 arrangements and plans.

EVENING PROGRAM

A Fellowship Hour preceded the evening dinner when Life Members and the Women of our churches in the **Valley of Virginia** were honored. Mrs. Clyde Fields presented the Life Members and Mrs. W. T. Scott spoke glowingly of the Valley women. Mrs. T. W. Good of Broadway responded on behalf of the Valley women, accepting a gavel as a reminder of the days of association with the Southern Convention Women's Fellowship.

The evening service of worship was conducted by **Mrs. F. C. Lester,** who, through the official symbol of the United Church of Christ, the Statement of Faith and the hymn **Ancient of Days** reminded us of God's dominion over the kingdoms of this world, His gifts of creation, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit and His call and promises. Special music was rendered by The Christian Temple choir. Mrs. R. M. Cline introduced the guest speaker, **Mrs. Frank M. Lacy** whose address was entitled **Member of the Family.** Recalling the joy on the return of the Prodigal Son, Mrs. Lacy asked, "How long will it take for us to come to ourselves and return to our Father — to be a member of the family"? Basing her remarks on the words of the Mizpah benediction, she went on to say that the robes and riches of sonship which awaited us, were the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit. The grace of Christ is unmerited forgiveness, supremely in Jesus acceptance of the thief on the cross. To experience God's love is to have one's burdens lightened, fear cast out and a heart filled with joy. The steadfast love of God known to the Hebrews of the Old Testament is Jesus Christ for us, as babe, boy, healer, teacher, dying savior and risen Lord. The Holy Spirit comforts, guides, teaches and befriends. He comes to us when we wait on him. He changes us so that we can come together as brothers.

"The family of God is in the world," said Mrs. Lacy, **"and we must decide to go in and join the family.** God has no favorites, . . . His grace, love and Holy Spirit are for all."

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The session resumed on Wednesday at 9 a.m. and the worship service was led by Mrs. Edward A. Simiele. President J. Earl Danieley gave a progress report on the new building plans for **Elon College.** Dr. W. W. Snyder told of the service rendered by the **Home for Children** and plans for the Day Care Center. Rev. R. N. Rinker outlined the summer program for children and youth at **Camp Moonelon** and spoke of the proposed recreation facility (Recnic House). Mrs. F. C. Lester apprised the meeting of the continued work of the **Council for Lay Life and Work** in this area, with its emphasis on joint workshops, retreats, conferences and general attention to the lay ministry. **Dr. Clyde L. Fields** brought greetings from the Southern Convention.

Recommendations Adopted By Women's Fellowship

1. That **the financial goal** for 1965-67 be $40,000, as follows:

North Carolina	$22,000
Eastern Virginia	$18,000

2. That the churches co-operate with **the Historical Society** by completing their records and sending them to the History Room at Elon College.
3. That the Women's Fellowship continue to promote **the Family Thank Offering** throughout the church.
4. That Mrs. Ray Gordon, Mrs. R. M. Cline and Mrs. R. M. Kimball serve as representatives of the Women's Fellowship on **the Co-ordinating Committee of the Southern Conference,** and submit reports to the Executive Board for its approval on actions taken.
5. That the Co-ordinating Committee be asked to study and recommend back to the the respective Boards, **plans for women's** work in the new Southern Conference.
6. That Mrs. Kenneth Register, Mrs. Richard Jackson and Mrs. Harold Tribble be representatives to the Summer Conference committee.
7. That **Life Memberships and Memorials** for the new biennium be used for the **Moonelon Center** Recreation facility (the Recnic House) at Camp Moonelon and that the local fellowships be encouraged to send in special offerings for this purpose.
8. That every church be represented at **the Summer Conference** and that the churches be encouraged to pay the expenses of President, Program Chairman and Minister's wife for this conference.
9. That while we regret that **the women of the Valley of Virginia** fellowships are no longer a part of the Southern Convention, we are happy to commend them to the Central Atlantic Conference, and wish to express appreciation of their past support and leadership.

Women's Fellowship Report (Continued)

Mrs. Dwight Moore then introduced the speaker for the session, **Mrs. J. R. Chandran,** an Indian teacher. Mrs. Chandran spoke on **Women in India Today.** Tracing the history of the status of women in India, Mrs. Chandran said, "Indian women have not always had an inferior position. 3,500 years ago they were prominent in government and civic affairs. When the age of chivalry was ushered in, men began to feel that women had to be protected. Superior attitudes developed, then followed slavery, child marriage and this situation continued until the partition." She went on to say that Christianity and the West helped develop new attitudes and Christian women were among the first to be educated. Then too, Mahatma Ghandi was the great emancipator of women. Property rights and divorce is now granted women and they are able to move into professional areas of work as doctors, lawyers, teachers etc. The United Church of South India is less than 1½% of the population. Very often the pastor's wife is head of women's groups. However, Bible women carry the evangelical gospel into the homes. The Women's Fellowship is involved in several projects viz., giving help and advice in family planning, especially in cases where incomes are substandard; operating a home for unwed mothers who are equipped for useful occupation or good marriage; providing a home for working girls from the villages, who come to the towns to work in the factories.

In closing Mrs. Chandran stressed the difficulty of being a Christian in India: a member of a small minority organization. Nevertheless, despite its size the Christian community is held in respect by other Indians.

An invitation from **Hines Chapel, Greensboro,** was accepted for the 1967 meeting.

The report of the Recommendations Committee was adopted.

Mrs. F. O'Leary reporting on registration indicated a total of 60 from N. C., 141 from Virginia and 16 ministers.

The Nomination Committee report was accepted. After being duly elected, new officers were installed in a dedicatory service by Mrs. E. G. Middleton. The meeting adjourned following the benediction by Dr. Clyde L. Fields.

Marjorie Hayes

So. Norfolk Women Emphasize Spanish Speaking Americans

South Norfolk Women's Fellowship sponsored a program on **Spanish Speaking Americans** at their quarterly meeting held Thursday evening April 22nd in the social hall of the church, with approximately sixty people present including guests.

The devotions were the singing of hymn "More Love to Thee", scripture I Corinthians 13 by Helen Maples and prayer by Eula Gwynn.

Excerpts from the study book **Death of a Myth** were given by the Education Chairman, Beatrice George, as a prologue and closing remarks in the **skit** on Spanish Speaking Americans.

The cast for the skit was Mr. I. Care Foryou, the interviewer for his roving camera, Pete Chappell; Announcer and sponsor — United Church of Christ Stewardship Council representative — by Charlie Robinson; Voice of Station L-O-V-E by Bernice Hargrove, President of the Fellowship; Mrs. Gonzales, a Puerto Rican housewife and mother, Alice Harding; Mr. and Mrs. Mendez, Cuban Refugees, Waverly Lane and Myrna Clark; Jose Mendosa, a Mexican migrant, Henry Seymour; Senora del Fuego, a spanish colonial lady, Ethel Linton.

After the skit, **Mr. Roberto Rodriguez, a Spanish American from Mexico City** told something of the history of Mexico. With a twinkle in his eye he said he wished that the United States had purchased all of Mexico when they took in Texas. He told of some of his experiences as a lieutenant in the Mexican navy. He told how love for the girl who became his wife made him decide to take the necessary steps to obtain his American citizenship in spite of a shortage of money- partly because of lack of work and the decrease financially in exchanging pesos to American dollars. Here he found it difficult to find work because of the language barrier, so he went to school and learned to speak English. In places where he worked at first he noticed a discrimination in salary even though his ability to do the job was on a high level. Presently he is employed with the same firm along with Mr. Henry Seymour. Mrs. Rodriguez was present at the meeitng with her husband.

Another special feature of the program was our guest, **Mr. Harry Farmer, the Spanish teacher at Oscar Smith High School** with his guitar and four of his students: Brenda Hauck, Mickey Overton, Nancy Lewis and Wanda Swindle, who rendered several Spanish selections. During the social hour while the ladies served refreshments Mr. Rodriguez joined in singing Spanish songs with the students and Mr. Farmer.

Among our guests for the evening were Mrs. Frazier O'Leary, Norfolk District Superintendent who brought greetings. She was accompanied by Mrs. John Lackey, wife of Reverend John Lackey, Pastor of Bay View Church.

With the two words of our president, "It was a unique meeting". A wonderful spirit and fellowship prevailed .

This was the first meeting of the Women's Fellowship since the arrival of Reverend and Mrs. James D. Rumley, the new pastor of South Norfolk Church. They also were in attendance.

FROM THE GROUNDBREAKING SERVICE OF THE

Shallow Ford United Church

APRIL 25, 1965

LITANY OF COMMITMENT

Minister: To the glory of God the Father, to the honor of Jesus Christ His only begotten Son our Saviour and to the praise of the Holy Spirit our Comforter;

People: We break this ground.

Minister: For worship in prayer and praise; for the preaching of the Word; for the celebration of the Holy Sacraments;

People: We break this ground.

Minister: For comfort to those who mourn; for strength to those who are weak; for help to those who are tempted;

People: We break this ground.

Minister: For the sanctity of the family, for the purity and guidance of childhood, for the promotion of brotherhood;

People: We break this ground.

Minister: For promoting Christian patriotism, for developing a moral conscience, for the suppression of evil in all forms and everywhere, for the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth;

People: We break this ground.

All: Bless us this day, O Lord, and guide us in thy straight paths that what we begin here today may be all to Thine honor and glory, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Sharing in the Groundbreaking Service of the Shallow Ford United Church of Christ were the pastor, Rev. Richard M. Petersen; Dr. Clyde L. Fields, superintendent of the Southern Convention; representatives of the local church organizations and of the community.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Annual Alumni Meeting

April 26, 1965

Dear Friends:

On Sunday, April 25, the Alumni Association of the Elon Home for Children held its annual meeting on our campus. Approximately 300 were in attendance. We were thrilled to have the many Alumni and their friends back with us for this meeting. We believe that this is one of the best Alumni Meetings we have had since we have been superintendent.

Mr. Daniel S. Walker, 1028 Tarleton Avenue was elected President of the Alumni Association of the Home. Serving with Mr. Walker, who is the manager of the Big Bear Super Market, will be George Morningstar, Vice President, who is a student at Wake Forest College. Elected to serve as Secretary was Miss Ruth Miller, anaesthetist at the Alamance County Hospital and a resident of Burlington. Your Superintendent will serve as the Treasurer.

Coach Horace A. McKinney, Head Basketball Coach at Wake Forest College, was scheduled to be the speaker, but because of a recruiting trip to New York, he was unable to be present. Speaking in his place was Dr. Eugene Hooks, Athletic Director of Wake Forest College. Dr. Hooks based his address on athletics and the part they play in the life of a person and the community, home and church.

Devotions were given by the children of the Home along with the Superintendent. The business session consisted of reports from the various committees. Mr. Clyde W. Rudd of Greensboro reported on the swimming pool project, which the Alumni Association sponsored. He announced that with the contributions received at the meeting, it would be possible to liquidate the indebtedness on the pool by the end of this year.

Following the program at Holt Chapel, the alumni and guests were served a picnic lunch by the Home.

We shall be looking forward to the last Sunday in April next year when we shall have the opportunity and privilege of having the alumni, along with their friends, for the annual meeting in 1966.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder

Homecoming At Concord & Bethel

Revival services were held April 25-30 at the Concord United Church of Christ with Dr. R. E. Brittle as the guest preacher. Seven new members were received into the church during the week. Rev. Wayne Gardner is pastor.

Homecoming services will be held Sunday, May 23, at the Concord United Church of Christ. On that same Sunday, the church will dedicate four new church school rooms which have been recently constructed.

Homecoming services were held May 2 at the Bethel United Church of Christ. Rev. Wayne Gardner, pastor, preached on "The Risen Life of The Church."

Mrs. W. W. Sloan met with the Women's Fellowship during their April meeting and gave a very stimulating program based on Christian Social Action.

REPORT FOR APRIL 26, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Western North Carolina Conference	$ 28.00
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	102.35
Total	$130.35
Special Offerings	
Ladies' Home Missionary Society, Circular Congregational Church, Charleston, South Carolina	30.00
Young Leader's Sunday School Class, Monticello United Church, Brown's Summit, N. C.	10.00
Clarence N. Fields, Sr., San Leandro, Calif.	5.00
Miss Ethel Friddle, Mt. Bethel Church, Stokesdale, N. C.	25.00
Women's Fellowship, Westminster, Vermont	5.00
Community Service Circle, Greenfield Hill Cong. Church, Fairfield, Conn.	25.00
Mr. Wilbur Robinson, Chicago, Illinois	5.00
Friendly Service, 1st Congregational Church, Cromwell, Conn.	10.00
Memorial Gifts:	
Mr. W. B. Williams	
Miss Willie Trollinger (2 memorials)	
Total Memorial Gifts	20.00
Special Offerings	.75
Total	$135.75
Total for the Week	$266.10

Operation Oink! Oink!

Bill Simmons

"Count us in", was the enthusiastic response of the Eastern Virginia Churchmen's Fellowship to **Operation Oink Oink,** a project of Church World Service to send pigs to underdeveloped countries.

Dr. Theodore Van Dyke, Secretary of the Division of Church World Service, Board for World Ministries of the United Church of Christ, was the featured speaker at the Eastern Virginia Churchmen's Fellowship **Spring Rally** held Sunday, April 25th, at the Bayside Church. Dr. Van Dyke presented the Heifer Project, a "self help" project which is designed to provide animals for distribution among poverty-stricken people throughout the world. Colored slides on his recent trip to India to deliver a shipment of Heifer Project cattle were shown by Dr. Van Dyke and were interesting and informative. He challenged the laymen to lend a hand in a project through which they share a continuing source of food, friendship and a brighter future. The Virginia Field Secretary presented **Operation Oink Oink** and asked the men to provide 25 registered pigs. Each Fellowship was given posters and stock certificates to help promote the project in the local church. Fifty dollars buys one pig, and one dollar gives a share in the project. Contributions will be collected at the next rally in September.

Information, related posters, and other aids for **Operation Oink Oink** are available from the Virginia Field Secretary.

EASTERN VIRGINIA WORKERS' CONFERENCE — MAY

The monthly Church School Workers' Conference for churches in Eastern Virginia will be held at Lynnhaven Colony United Church of Christ on Tuesday, May 25, beginning at 7:30. These conferences are designed to provide assistance for church school workers.

ON THE EDGE

St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Greensboro, notes that on April 25 Mr. and Mrs. James E. Tucker became members of that church. Mr. Tucker is well-known among the small fry of the area as Pecos Pete, on TV channel 2.

Dr. W. W. Sloan, Professor of Religion at Elon College, was the guest preacher at **Mt. Zion United Church of Christ, Mebane,** on April 25. His topic was **Superstition.**

In their May Newsletter which is sent to the homes of the church, the **Congregational Christian Church of Durham** included a reprint of **LET'S LOOK AT WILLS** which appeared in the **United Church Herald** recently. These reprints can be obtained from the Division of Publication, United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19102. It also appeared in the April 20 issue of **The Christian Sun.**

Belew's Creek Congregational Christian Church invited Rev. Richard N. Rinker, North Carolina Field Secretary for the Southern Convention, to introduce the United Church Curriculum at a meeting on May 12.

Wake Chapel United Church of Christ, Fuquay-Varina, participated in the Christian Business Men's Crusade for Christ April 24 through May 2 in that community. Outstanding leaders led this Crusade which involved men's, women's and youth organizations.

A new Young Adult Fellowship is meeting regularly at the **Shelton Memorial Church in Portsmouth.** This group is engaged in a serious and interesting inquiry into the meaning of the Christian faith as it relates to their own lives and the world. They meet on alternate Sunday evenings with a nursery provided for the children of the participants.

The Reverend Charles Jones of the Community Church in Chapel Hill was the preacher at the **United Church in Raleigh** on May 2. The pastor of the church, Rev. Collins Kilburn, exchanged pulpits with him.

THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The World Council of Churches is a fellowship of more than 200 churches throughout the world which "confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures and therefore seek to fulfil together their common calling to the glory of the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

Its membership includes most of the churches of the great Christian traditions—Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox, and Old Catholic—with the exception of the Roman Catholic, in more than 80 countries and territories.

The World Council is not an end in itself. It is an instrument of common witness, service, and renewal through which the churches together seek to manifest their unity in obedience to the Word of God. This unity does not depend on human achievement, but is the work of Christ Himself, since we, as His Church, are His Body. Our brethren in Christ are given to us, not chosen by us. They are all those who confess with us the name of the same Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The Council's whole existence and all its activities are founded upon this conviction.

The Newsletter from the **Liberty Vance Church, Henderson, N. C.,** tells of a good Lenten and Easter season for the Church. The Revival and the Easter services were of great spiritual blessing. Thirteen new members were received into the fellowship of the Church. Rev. Willis E. Joiner is pastor of the Liberty Vance Church.

Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ, Gibsonville, N. C., reports that ten new members were received into fellowship of the Church on a recent occasion. Rev. Odell Powell is the pastor of Apple's Chapel United Church.

The churches of the **Elon College** area have joined for a Community Religious Census. This is a good example of ecumenicity at work. The census will be taken on May 16th, covering Elon College and the surrounding area. Rev. W. T. Cockman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elon College, is Chairman of the Census project.

The United Church of Christ, Fayetteville, N. C., reports that six new members were received on Profession of Faith, and one other by transfer of membership into the fellowship of the Church recently. The Church operates a very successful weekday Kindergarten School, and there is only one vacancy left for the fall term. Rev. A. M. Campbell is pastor of the Church.

Superintendent **Clyde Fields** was the guest preacher for services at **Lakeview and Lebanon Churches** on May 2nd. A Service of Consecration was held for Kathy Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kayo Page, Miss Sherri Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Perry, and Vanessa Lynn Wicker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wicker. Announcement was made of a revival service beginning on May 10th at the Lebanon Church.

Rev. Lewis Wicker and **Rev. Thomas Liverman, Jr.** are among the B. D. candidates at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., in the graduating service to be held on May 7-8th. The Southern Convention extends congratulations to these two ministers.

Rev. James Lewis Rosser will be among the B. D. candidates of Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., in May. He has accepted a call to the **Haw River United Church of Christ** and will begin his ministry there in June. Congratulations are in order for Mr. Rosser.

They, Too, Need Christ was the motion picture used on May 16, at **Lynnhaven Colony United Church of Christ, Virginia Beach,** during their Fellowship Supper Missionary Education program based on **Spanish Speaking Americans.**

On May 7, at the **First Christian Church (UCC) in Burlington,** a Family Talent Night was held under the sponsorship of the Family Life Committee of the Women's Fellowship.

Homecoming Day was observed at **Long's Chapel United Church of Christ of Burlington** on May 2. Dinner was served on the grounds immediately following the morning worship service. The young people of the church are offering plates for sale with the picture of the new church on them.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Baccalaureate Sermon By Dr. Vore

Dr. Duane N. Vore, of East Lansing, Mich., who is chief executive officer for the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ, will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the Elon College graduating class on Sunday morning, May 30, appearing as one of the featured speakers at Elon's 1965 commencement program.

The appearance of Dr. Vore as the Elon baccalaureate minister will be in the nature of a homecoming for the Michigan minister, who is a graduate of Elon College. The Ohio native went on from Elon to receive the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Yale Divinity School and was later granted the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree at Elon College in 1952.

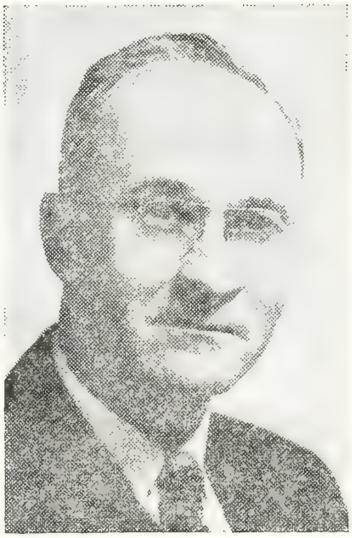
Dr. Vore served pastorates at Suffolk, Va., at Grand Rapids, Mich., and at the First Congregational Church in Los Angeles, Calif., prior to becoming minister at the First Congregational Church at Battle Creek, Mich., the post he held when he was elected as Minister and Superintendent of the Michigan Conference of Congregational Christian Churches in 1961.

When that body of Congregational Christian Churches consolidated with the Michigan-Indiana Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in May, 1963, Dr. Vore then became the Minister of the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ, the position which he now holds.

Dr. Vore has held many offices in the Congregational Christian Church and in the United Church of Christ, having served as chairman of the Christian Education Fund Committee in his Conference, as member of the Conference Board of Trustees, of which he was president for three years; and as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board of Home Missions. In the Kalamazoo Association, where he holds ministerial standing, he was on the advisory board and served as Moderator.

He is a member of the governor's panel for ethical and moral concerns in Michigan, the board of directors of the Department of Christian Education of the Michigan Council of Churches and on the trustee board for Olivet College.

Dr. F. L. Gibbs Alumni Day Orator



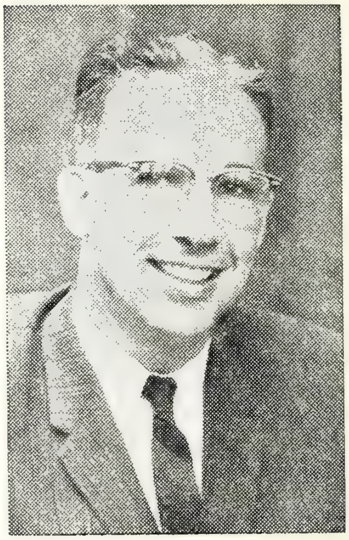
The address for the annual Elon College Almuni Banquet on May 29 at 6:30 p. m., in McEwen Dining Hall, will be delivered by Dr. Ferry Lee Gibbs, graduate of Elon College in the Class of 1925. Dr. Gibbs is now serving as minister of The Watson Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Gibbs was graduated from the Burlington High School in 1922 and after receiving his A. B. degree in 1925 from Elon, he remained a year for his M. A.

He attended Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C., receiving his S.T.B. He has had additional study at Duke University and at the University of Pittsburgh. He holds the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Waynesburg College, conferred in 1939.

A native of Alamance County, he was ordained in the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. He has had wide experience in various areas of church work, and is a very successful pastor.

Judge Gordon To Be Honored



The Executive Committee of the Elon College Alumni Association has named Eugene A. Gordon of Burlington, N. C., graduate of Elon College in the Class of 1941, to receive the Outstanding Alumnus Award for 1965. The Award will be presented at the Commencement Alumni Banquet to be held at McEwen Dining Hall at 6:30 p. m. on May 29.

On May 12, 1964, Mr. Gordon was appointed a Judge of the U. S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina and his office is in Winston-Salem, N. C.

Judge Gordon was born and reared in Guilford County and attended public schools in that County. After graduation from Elon College he attended Duke University Law School to receive his law degree.

He entered the United States Army in January, 1942, was later commissioned as Second Lieutenant and served in the European Theater with the Field Artillery. He was wounded in action in Europe and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He was discharged from the Army in 1946 as a Captain and practiced law in Burlington until his appointment as Judge.

Judge Gordon is a loyal alumnus of Elon College, and he and his family are members of the First Christian Church of Burlington, North Carolina.

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(ACTING CONFERENCE. UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST)

REPORT OF RECEIPTS FOR APPORTIONMENT

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

PAID 1-1-65 TO 4-30-65

N. CAROLINA & VIRGINIA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Bethlehem	1,937	645.64	1,291.36	23.00
Asheville	2,261	490.00	1,771.00	00
Belew Creek	674	00	674.00	00
Monticello	946	236.50	709.50	12.70
Bethel	991	00	991.00	13.50
Beverly Hills	2,479	618.00	1,861.00	00
Carolina	884	294.64	589.36	16.50
Edgewood	627	00	627.00	00
Burl'ton, 1st	6,234	1,988.89	4,245.11	83.50
Hopedale	649	168.00	481.00	00
Lakeview	473	170.00	303.00	00
Long's Chapel	1,200	400.00	800.00	00
Union Ridge	2,982	700.00	2,282.00	00
Zion	294	00	294.00	00
Durham	3,135	1,100.00	2,035.00	226.79
Berea	473	00	473.00	00
Elon Col. Co.	3,114	100.00	3,014.00	129.70
Concord	688	00	688.00	19.92
Shallow Ford	1,479	150.00	1,329.00	00
Apple's Chap.	2,796	699.00	2,097.00	00
Gibsonville	621	62.50	558.50	00
Graham Prov.	1,123	00	1,123.00	00
Greensboro:				
Calvary	423	00	423.00	00
Cong'gation.	6,655	1,663.68	4,991.32	592.85
Palm St.	2,315	771.80	1,543.20	00
St. Peter's	683	81.84	601.16	00
Pleasant Ridge	490	300.00	190.00	00
Haw River	1,341	341.00	1,000.00	00
Hendersonv.	1,805	00	1,805.00	49.23
Kallam Gr.	377	00	377.00	00
Hines Chapel	1,565	521.74	1,043.28	97.66
Mebane	125	00	125.00	00
Mt. Zion	1,386	600.00	786.00	6.00
Pfafftown	759	00	759.00	00
Reidsville	4,290	00	4,290.00	750.00
Howard's Ch.	249	00	249.00	00
New Lebanon	1,000	109.90	890.10	00
Happy Home	1,263	00	1,263.00	00
Lebanon	526	00	526.00	00
Mt. Bethel	400	00	400.00	00
Tryon	3,715	1,284.00	2,431.00	00
Salem Chapel	666	125.00	541.00	00
Winston-S.	1,248	624.00	624.00	6.00
Rocky Ford	264	00	264.00	00
Danville, Va.	3,789	00	3,789.00	20.00
Pleasant Gr.	1,030	00	1,030.00	00
Lynchburg	605	00	605.00	00
Liberty, Va.	1,061	00	1,061.00	5.00
Hebron	272	68.00	204.00	00
South Boston	1,162	00	1,162.00	00
Ingram	859	00	859.00	00
Union, Va.	2,347	1,200.00	1,147.00	00
Totals	78,730	15,514.13	63,215.89	2,052

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WESTERN N. CAROLINA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Albemarle	2,127	708.92	1,418.08	00
Asheboro	1,915	478.75	1,436.25	00
Bailey's Grove	132	00	132.00	00
Pleasant Cross	508	254.00	254.00	00
Pleasant Union	398	50.00	348.00	00
Spoons' Chapel	355	00	355.00	00
Union Grove	640	250.00	390.00	00
Bennett	49	00	49.00	00
Pleasant Gr.	1,330	00	1,330.00	00
Biscoe	210	00	210.00	00
Flint Hill (M)	345	00	345.00	00
Big Oak	507	00	507.00	00
Ether	474	00	474.00	00
High Point	669	00	669.00	00
Liberty	794	00	794.00	00
Pleasant Hill	2,057	1,700.00	357.00	166.00
Smthwood	964	198.50	765.50	00
Antioch (C)	534	00	534.00	00
Hanks' Ch.	1,536	787.00	773.00	97.92
Ramseur	1,124	201.00	923.00	00
Pleasant R'ge	1,664	832.00	832.00	00
Shiloh	247	00	247.00	00
Randleman	1,150	261.00	889.00	3.00
Brown's Ch.	644	00	644.00	00
Prov. Chapel	163	00	163.00	00
Grace's Chapel	687	39.35	647.65	00
Northview	456	00	456.00	00
Zion	725	00	725.00	00
Seagrove	551	200.00	351.00	9.00
Antioch (R)	483	00	483.00	00
Needham's Gr.	648	200.00	448.00	00
New Center	274	00	274.00	00
Siler City	210	00	210.00	00
Sophia	600	153.45	446.55	30.10
Flint Hill (R)	294	00	294.00	00
Shady Grove	287	00	287.00	00
Mt. Pleasant	552	200.00	352.00	46.88
Totals	26,303	6,513.97	19,813.03	352.90

EASTERN N. CAROLINA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Special
Pleasant Hill	270	00	270.00	00
Ebenezer	709	00	709.00	00
Damascus	483	200.00	283.00	15.00
Martha's Ch.	203	00	203.00	00
Bethel	177	10.00	167.00	00
Chapel H,, U.	1,445	300.00	1,145.00	71.30
Clayton	537	107.00	430.00	00
Amelia	1,060	265.00	795.00	00
Fayetteville	1,037	261.75	775.25	00
Mt. Carmel	318	00	318.00	00
Pope's Chapel	438	00	438.00	00
Christian Light	605	00	605.00	00
Garner, Trinity	658	00	658.00	16.78
Hayes Chapel	680	00	680.00	00
Mt. Hermon	408	00	408.00	00
Henderson	2,303	00	2,303.00	00
Fuller Chapel	894	298.00	596.00	20.00
Liberty Vance	2,126	612.00	1,514.00	00
Hope Mills	238	77.68	160.32	00
Bethlehem	390	00	390.00	00
Mt. Gilead	438	118.00	320.00	20.00
New Hope	722	00	722.00	6.00
Mt. Auburn	727	00	727.00	00
Christian Ch.	211	00	211.00	00
Morrisville	196	100.00	96.00	22.00
New Elam	918	00	918.00	00
Niagara	94	00	94.00	00
Auburn	709	730.00	303.00	00
Piney Plain	949	00	949.00	00
Plymouth	546	00	546.00	00
Raleigh, U.	2,183	00	2,183.00	00
Raleigh, Wen.	558	32.25	525.75	00
Sanford, 1st	2,211	737.00	1,474.00	4.00
Lee's Chapel	427	00	427.00	00
Moore Union	362	00	362.00	00
Shallow Well	2,143	250.00	1,893.00	00
Turner's Ch.	530	00	530.00	00
South. Pines	3,002	750.00	2,252.00	00
Wake Chapel	2,566	600.00	1,966.00	00
Beulah	997	00	997.00	00
Youngsville	288	100.00	188.00	20.00
Good Hope	333	28.20	304.80	00
Oak Level	525	112.75	412.25	00
Antioch	367	100.00	267.00	00
Totals	36,981	5,789.63	31,513.37	195.08

EASTERN VIRGINIA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Special
Bayside	2,057	300.00	1,757.00	00
Rosemont	4,764	3,100.00	1,664.00	438.25
Oakland	2,763	691.00	2,072.00	58.00
Dendron	180	78.95	107.55	00
Union, Surry	112	00	112.00	00
Bethlehem, D.	386	00	386.00	00
Centerville	231	57.75	173.25	00
Berea, Nans.	1,457	300.00	1,157.00	00
Mt Zion	520	00	520.00	00
New Lebanon	64	00	64.00	00
Franklin	3,158	00	3,158.00	81.00
Hunterdale	2,198	00	2,198.00	36.19
Hampton, 1st	4,023	00	4,023.00	00
Holland	1,740	870.00	870.00	00
Holy Neck	1,844	406.25	1,437.75	00
Hopewell	723	00	723.00	00
Isle of Wight	409	209.00	200.00	00
Lynhaven	1,490	00	1,490.00	106.04
Warwick	1,606	600.00	1,006.00	32.53
Norfolk:				
Bayview	1,797	500.00	1,297.00	65.00
Central	757	00	757.00	40.00
Chris. Tem.	6,410	2,136.67	4,273.33	74.67
Gt. Bridge	3,025	750.00	2,275.00	12.00
Lit. Creek	471	75.00	396.00	00
Portsmouth:				
First	1,402	225.00	1,177.00	25.00
Shel. Mem.	1,315	270.00	1,045.00	00
United	1,291	00	1,291.00	00
Pr. George	442	100.00	342.00	39.40
Richmond, 1st	1,623	248.00	1,375.00	00
So. Norfolk	4,476	756.00	3,720.00	00
Bethlehem, N.	4,371	1,114.53	3,256.47	21.00
Suffolk, Chris.	7,991	1,625.00	6,366.00	00
Cypress Ch.	2,104	00	2,104.00	00
Liberty Sp.	2,317	609.00	1,708.00	00
Va. Bea., 1st	968	00	968.00	135.78
Va. B., P. Man.	300	00	300.00	00
Wakefield	599	127.00	472.00	10.25
Barrett's	99	00	99.00	00
Burton's Grove	206	52.26	153.74	00
Mt. Carmel	828	262.20	568.80	00
Waverly	1,498	00	1,498.00	3.00
Spring Hill	220	67.74	152.26	5.00
Windsor	1,678	913.07	764.93	00
Antioch	575	200.00	375.00	00
Eure	1,417	00	1,417.00	00
Damascus	1,002	00	1,002.00	00
Oak Grove	244	00	244.00	00
Totals	79,151	16,644.42	62,516.08	1,183.11

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Aspirin, Atonement and Images

What with stores open on Sunday, work around the house going strong, and trips in all directions, it's becoming difficult to distinguish Sunday from the other days of the week. About the only differences left are the quantity of leisure and thumbing through the mental file of excuses for not going to church.

The option for many folks, quite clearly, is not whether they're going to be "good" or not by going to or remaining away from church (for one can be "good" without going to church, they quickly point out), but whether they're choosing to be religious or not. There is no question at all that one must try to be good on a regular basis. There seems to be considerable doubt about the need for being religious regularly. Sort of like being healthy and visiting the physician for an annual checkup. Or perhaps similar to an economy car which only needs to stop at the gas station on infrequent occasions. Maybe even like wearing an amulet against evil (membership in a church, in this case) requiring occasional gifts to support the village witch doctor.

It may be unjustified to suggest that an uncommonly large portion of churchmen and women see the church as a facility capable of providing a service. A tool to be used when needed and set aside the rest of the time. Evidence for this may be the lopsided and irregular church attendance bemoaned by pastors and the disproportionate amount of support given for outreach beyond the local church in comparison with funds spent on the local facilities and services to the local constituency.

There is, of course, absolutely nothing wrong with this image of the church--if it is placed alongside Lion's Clubs, Kiwanis, Rotary, United Fund, and the other service groups. They offer services, provide facilities and not infrequently have an outreach which equals or surpasses their inreach, thus apparently outreaching the church in proportion to self-centered spending.

This image of the church may become embarrassing when such concepts as the incarnation, redemption, salvation and atonement enter in. Somehow theology has been incorporated into the religious verbalizations without interfering too much with the doctor, gas station or amulet images of the church. But then, we use the terms like aspirin, high octane and magic without thinking about why they are as they are--just as long as they bring temporary relief to our needs.

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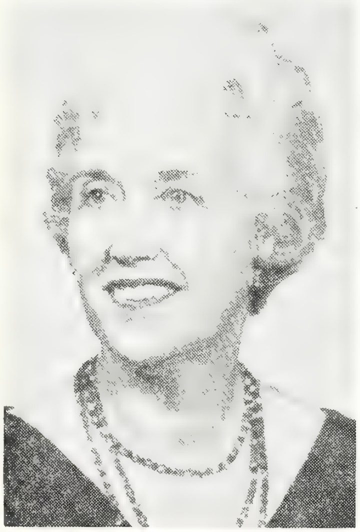

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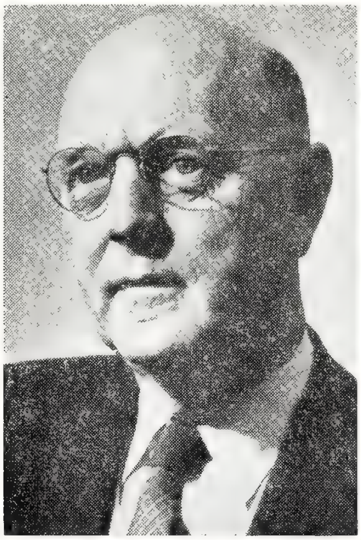
MISSION - THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING



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WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those who love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you ,what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

/KJ

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

/RSV

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them! And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.

/Phillips

We are redeemed not to wallow in our redemption but to witness to the truth that there is a Redeemer, that others may find His gift. We are loved so that we may love. Not family and friends only. Not Americans and Caucasians and Protestants only. But even those without the capacity to return our love. Even those we know not, whom we shall never know.

We have been graciously blessed to encourage and strengthen us to serve others. Excepting no service in return. Unconcerned with receiving thanks. Undeterred by the hostilities of the other's fear or ignorance, we serve.

These things God has told us to do. He has told us through the Christ. We either believe it or we don't. But if we do, we cannot "only believe".

What Does It Mean To Be A Christian?

By Dr. D. D. Wilson

During the many years that I taught at summer conferences for high school and college young people in New York, one of the topics that produced the keenest interest was the matter of primary characteristics in personal Christianity. Did you ever consider the genesis of certain words that you use every day? Indeed, it is a stimulating and profitable indoor recreation. The word "Christian," as you know, has something to do with Christ. But what connection? People who were friends of the Master when he was physically alive in Galilee were not called Christians. They were known as his followers or learners or disciples. This expression, "Christian," was not used to describe them until some years after his death, when their numbers had largely increased and they had migrated to many communities that surrounded the Mediterranean Sea. It was in Antioch that the followers of Jesus were first called Christians. And at that time this insignia was not a badge of honor. It was an expression of derision or of contempt. Their neighbors simply called them "folks connected with that fellow called Christ" or "Christians."

Now what does it mean to be Christian today? During our century this inquiry has been given many answers, some of them being untenable attitudes and others of them being sensible in presentation. In this post-Easter period of 1965 I should like to give you a thought which I believe should be significant for us during all our lives. A Christian is a person, young or old, who has cast himself into the scales of human life on the same side as Christ. All of us commit ourselves to things or individuals or ideals which we think are worthwhile. Sometimes inferior interests claim our intelligence and talents. Then we do not unfold toward the highest success in the adventure of life. The primary factor in the finest characteristic of life is commitment to the way of life patterened after the values of Christ. Truly, only in proportion that we utilize the qualities of the Master, making them actual in our daily experience, are we advancing toward the goal of being genuine Christians.

I knew a college student who thought he was a Christian until he sat in the classes of a great teacher of the New Testament. His personal religion was identified particularly with emotional feeling and with a mental acceptance of certain credal statements. After a term in that professor's classroom, he told some of us that he would be required to re-think the identifications of Christianity for his own life because of his new understanding of the objective of Christ which he had derived from this professor. According to my view, you and I become more Christian to the degree that we take Christ's perspectives seriously and connect ourselves to his mission with other Christians. Paul declared that he had not yet attained all that it meant to be a Christian, but that he was pressing on toward a larger measure of Christian maturity through consecration to the ways of Christ and acting like Christ in his everyday situations of life. May this objective also be our effort!

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FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

Our Report To General Synod

(This report has been requested by the Conference Executives of the United Church of Christ for inclusion in the materials to be distributed to the delegates to The 1965 General Synod meeting in July.)

The Southern Convention Acting Conference has voted to join with the Southern Synod Acting Conference and the Convention of the South Acting Conference to form the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc. The first meeting will be held September 30, 1965. We are glad to be a part of the flow of historic continuity in the foramtion of a new Conference.

1. **History.** Organized as Southern Christian Convention in 1856, at Union Ridge Church, Burlington, North Carolina, as a result of a number of churches formed in the Christian Church movement under Rev. James O'Kelly in 1792. O'Kelly's Chapel was organized in 1794, and named in honor of the founder of the Christian Church movement. North Carolina and Virginia was one of the centers of the early Christian Church prior to the merger with the Congregational Church to form the Congregational Christian Churches. THE CHRISTIAN SUN, a Southern Convention publication, was established in 1844. Elon College was chartered in 1889. The Elon Home for Children was opened in 1907. Four churches were organized prior to 1800. The **Manual,** containing the Constitution and By-Laws, with Official forms and ceremonies, has been in use since 1887 and has undergone eight revisions. The Convention has had three Superintendents — Dr. F. C. Lester, Dr. William T. Scott, Sr., and Dr. Clyde L. Fields, who was elected in 1960. Moonelon Conference Center was acquired in 1947.

2. **Statistical Information.** As of January 1st, the Southern Convention was made up of 206 churches, with 37,305 members in North Carolina and Virginia. The Virginia Valley Association, with 19 churches and approximately 3,000 members, joined in the formation of the Central Atlantic Conference on January 16th. There are at present four Acting Associations, namely, Eastern Virginia, North Carolina and Virginia, Eastern North Carolina, and Western North Carolina. There are concentrations of churches in tidewater Virginia and piedmont North Carolina. Elon College is the geographic center of the spread of the churches. There are 140 ministers in full and regular standing. The churches contributed $286,720. during 1964 for Conference and National O.C.W.M. The Convention provides approximately $50,000. in direct support for Elon College and approximately $35,000. in direct support for Elon Home for Children. About 400 young people are involved in the Moonelon Summer Conference program.

3. **Staff.** The Convention follows the deployed staff philosophy. Rev. L. Bill Simmons is Virginia Field Secretary, and is located in Norfolk, Virginia. In addition to general duties, he gives leadership in Lay Life and Work, Stewardship, and Church Extension. Rev. Richard N. Rinker is North Carolina Field Secretary and is located at Elon College, North Carolina. In addition to general duties, Mr. Rinker provides leadership in Christian Education, the Moonelon Summer Conference program, and serves as Editor of THE CHRISTIAN SUN. Rev. Guy Veazey is serving part-time as Resident Manager of Moonelon Conference Center, located near Elon College, N. C. Dr. Clyde L. Fields serves as Conference Executive, and the office is located at Elon College, North Carolina. In addition to his regular duties as Conference Executive, he serves as Executive Secretary of The Mission Board and as Associate Editor of THE CHRISTIAN SUN. The staff operates under a job description outline and is responsible to the Executive Board and to the Convention.

The most productive work accomplished in the past two years has been the splendid progress made in the formation of the new Southern Conference. The Steering Committee and other leaders in Southern Synod, Convention of the South, and the Southern Convention are to be commended for their splendid work in the process of consolidation. The Southern Conference, with elected officers, a collegiate Staff, and an Interim Board, meeting together as a Steering Committee as we move into early consolidation. This is a thrilling experience for the writer, who serves as Chairman of the Collegiate Staff.

Dr. Clyde L. Fields

Family Worship At Elon

The Elon College Community Church observed the **Festival of the Christian Home** (Mother's Day) in a rather unusual way. The various sections of the morning worship service at 11:00 A. M. on May 9th were divided among families. The organ prelude of the Hassell family, the Call to Worship by the White family, the Service of Praise by the Rinker family, the Reading from Holy Scripture by the Terrell family, the Service of Prayer by the Oxford family, the Offering by the Baxter family, the Sermon "God hath set the solitary in Families," was shared by members of the Andes family; the Service of Dedication of Families was led by the McLelland family. This made for a most unusual and impressive service, involving whole families.

Rev. Bill Traylor To WNC Churches In June

Rev. and Mrs. Bill J. Traylor and family will become pastor and family of the Pleasant Ridge-Spoon's Chapel United Churches of Christ, near Ramseur, N. C., in early June. Mr. Traylor has been pastor of the East Tallassee Church, East Tallassee, Alabama, for the past two years. Many will remember the Traylors while they served at Bethel and Concord Churches, near Burlington, N. C.

The Traylors have two children—Regina, age 9; and Stephen, age 12. The parsonage for the parish is located near Pleasant Ridge.

The Southern Convention welcomes the Traylors on their return.

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The **American Bible Society** assists in the distribution of Scriptures in 126 languages of the greater India area.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

FAITH

faith, noun. **1.** confidence or trust in a person or thing. **2.** belief which is not based on proof. **3.** belief in the doctrines or teachings of religion. **4.** the doctrines which are or should be believed. **5.** a system of religious belief: the Christian faith, the Jewish faith. **6.** that trust in God and in his promises as made through Christ by which man is justified or saved. **—Syn.** 5. doctrine, tenet, creed, dogma, persuasion, religion.

The above is how **The American College Encyclopedic Dictionary** defines the word "faith." But its application to the 1965 Pilgrim Fellowship Planning and Training Conference theme **New Patterns For Old Truths** is not nearly conveyed by the simple definition.

The outstanding difference in the old faith and the new faith (in definition 1,2) is probably its application. Those of the old faith before Christ had to place faith in the crops, the rain, and the king or Pharaoh. Later the early settlers placed faith in the crops, their guns, and their leaders.

But today, faith's place in the American society is much different. (1) Far too many people have lost faith entirely. For example: the greatly increased suicide rate, teenage drinking, and the generally scared to death attitude of so many people. (2) Those in faith must place it in fallout shleters, cigarettes, business, stock, and alcohol. Most of us need not worry about crops, rain, and concern ourselves with guns only for fun. However it is hard to place much faith in some of our outspoken leaders.

It is plain to see that there is a very basic difference in the old and new applications of faith. Expressly — the transition from definition (2) to definition (1) or in other words from intangible things to material concerns. The problem with a material faith simply is that definitions 3, 4, 5, and 6 are cancelled since they place high value on the intangible—God. By placing faith in God the material faiths are unnecessary and the intangible faiths are taken care of.

Then, in essence, the old truth of faith is that it should be in the intangible or God. But what is the new pattern?

Perhaps the new pattern is rather a deepening of the old one or in other words an increase in our faith in God. No doubt our trusts are challenged and our security is endangered more than ever; thus in proportion our faith should increase in a like manner.

In our new faith we are faced with more and more questions; questions that must be offered an explanation or more faith. Our faith should inspire and reason with the "why's" of Christianity. It is no longer heresy to question our religion, and so our faith will have to be strong and well woven to hold up with and against these questions.

THE 1965 YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCES

of the Southern Conference

WESTERN
August 20 - 22
Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds
Blowing Rock, N. C.

EASTERN
August 27 - 29
Franklinton Center
Bricks, N. C.

Ministers, adult advisors for youth groups, key young people, church school teachers for young people.

To present the Youth Ministry concept for local churches; to show resources for use in local youth groups; to offer help in learning methods for programming; for fellowship and becoming acquainted.

SET THE DATE ASIDE NOW FOR THE YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE NEAREST YOU.

Raleigh District Rally

The Pilgrim Fellowships of the Raleigh District have been invited to share in a YOUTH RALLY at Amelia United Church of Christ, beginning at 3:00 on May 23. Speaker for this Rally will be Rev. Richard N. Rinker, North Carolina Field Secretary for the Southern Convention. His topic will be **A Successful Youth Organization.** Young people and their advisors are urged to attend this fellowship meeting.

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The Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship of **The First Christian Church, Burlington,** held its annual retreat at Moonelon Center May 15-16. As a part of this experience the young people engaged in some creative activity to add to the attractiveness of the facilities.

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Please!
For the sake of literature, send in your Pilgrim Fellowship's news to Noel Allen, Elon College, 27244.
P.S. Soon!

Camp Staff Needed!

The following adult staff members are needed for 1965 camps and conferences at Moonelon Center:

Senior High P & T (June 20-26)	**4 women and 1 man**
Junior Age 1 (June 27 - July 3)	**2 men**
Junior High 1 (July 4 - 10)	**2 women**
Middle High (July 11 - 17)	**3 women and 1 man**
Junior Age 2 (July 18 - 24)	**2 women and 2 men**
Junior High 2 (July 25 - 31)	**2 women and 3 men**
Junior Age 3 (August 1 - 7)	**2 women and 3 men**

HELP!

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Several churches have noted in their bulletins that they provide part of the cost of attending **Moonelon Center** for young people planning to spend a week there. This is a fine investment in the youth of your church.

In Ghana!

". . . all new developments since independence."

Although the past year has been a "Tired" one for us, it has been interesting to watch Lake Volta forming behind the big Akosombo dam and the relocation of about 80,000 people from their flooded traditional homes to about 50 new resettlement villages scattered abut the edge of the new lake. It must be tough for them to adjust to different housing, new farming methods and social patterns being planned for them by the Ghana Government.

Church World Service is doing its share to supply food until the first crops are harvested in these new sites. The V.R.A. (Volta River Authority) has handled the delicate problems which have accompanied the uprooting and transplanting of people and possessions with tact and skill. Some people refused to move at first, saying, "We've seen the river flood before. It'll soon go down again." Imagine their surprise when the water kept rising higher—and higher—till they rushed back and begged the V.R.A. to come and help them move—quick! The river has risen over 150 feet already and will eventually be about 300 feet above its previous level.

The Volta River Project is about two years ahead of schedule and will begin producing hydro-electric power by about September, 1965. This abundant cheap source of power is expected to speed the already rapid rate of industrial development. Ghana now produces its own beer, liquor, cigarettes, furniture, canned goods, matches, soap, detergents, toothpaste, clothing, luggage, refined petroleum products, shoes, underwear, blouses, transitor radios, aluminum products, and even some steel. These are all new developments since independence.

From: Dr. Richard Biek
Ghana

Spoon's Chapel

FIRST FULLY PAID APPORTIONMENT!

Spoon's Chapel Church, Route 1, Asheboro, in Western North Carolina Conference, is the first church in the Southern Convention to have paid its 1965 Apportionment in full. Congratulations! For the other churches, a word of scripture: "Go thou and do likewise."

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

Conferences Cram Facilities Of Church Center For U.N.

In New York when people describe a hugh crowd they refer to Grand Central Station. But soon this simile may be applied to the Church Center for the United Nations. The 12-story building across from the UN Secretariat on UN Plaza is scarcely two years old but already has a "lived in" look. Highlight of future schedules is the symposium on "The Churches and the Changing Order in Latin America" on May 6-7. But this week could easily be taken as a sample of the other 51.

On Monday, April 26, no fewer than 11 groups held conferences and met for special luncheons, among them six state Methodist Youth Fellowship groups, the American Freedom Association (110 registered), and the Women's Africa Committee.

Tuesday will find every conference room, the lounge and cafeteria teeming with more MYF young people, a ministers' seminar, the United Church of Christ youth group from Connecticut, and the Coordinating Council, which meets for dinner in one dining room while the ministers' seminar ministers dine in another.

On Wednesday, in addition to more MYF group meetings, the Board of Managers of United Church Women, which is holding its annual meeting in New York, will have a buffet dinner. Thursday will see more than 100 representatives of the Women's Society for Christian Service milling in the corridors and elevators on their way to meetings, alongside those going to the Hartford (Conn.) YWCA luncheon and conferees of the United Nations' Church Representatives.

Friday and Saturday schedules include MYFers from Massachusetts and Pittsburgh, the UCC young people from Rutland, Vt., a conference of the Greek Archidocese, and study groups of the Fourth Methodist Church of New Jersey and the Methodist Church of Fawn Grove, Pa.

Director of program and these involved schedules is Dr. John D. Tomlinson, CCUN, whose office is at 777 United Nations Plaza, New York City 10017, where all summer and World's Fair visitors are welcome.

UCC Missionary Fined In Southern Rhodesia

Lester Keith Weiner, an educator who is a UCC missionary in Southern Rhodesia, was fined 25 pounds (approximately $70) in Magistrate's Court at Umtali because of a sonnet he wrote objecting to the use of dogs by police. He was charged with an act "likely to engender feelings of hostility toward the police."

Mr. Weiner is principal and chaplain of the 521-pupil and 44-teacher Mount Silinda teacher training college at Chapingi.

The poem originally was sent to the Salisbury Shakespaerean sonnet competition. When it did not win, Mr. Weiner sent the sonnet as a letter to the Editor of the Central African Examiner in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. The newspaper which published the sonnet also had to pay a fine of $70 on charges of publishing a subversive document.

Mr. Weiners' sonnet, which was made a part of the court record, follows:

**Why must man suffer at another's hand
Police dogs (well trained to hate the smell of black;
The dispossessed, the people of the land)
By nature gifted, swift and gentle on the track,
Of wayward lambs who trust their guiding bark,
As does that sightless man, who at one's leathered neck
Finds light and peace within the world of dark?
Good God, creator, why must man so wreck
The image of Thy goodness planted there
Instinctively within a beast so wise?
Why must man warp and twist and tear
The nature of both man and dog with lies?
May many yet taste and know this bitter gall:
Perverting one is thus perverting all.**

Mrs. F. C. Lester

Mrs. F. C. Lester of High Point, N. C., **Secretary, Southern Region, Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ,** will lead the Mission Study Theme at the Women's Summer Conference of the Southern (Acting) Conference of the United Church of Christ, at Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina, June 15-18. Mrs. Lester is also Advisor for the Conference.

Mrs. Lester has long been active in church work on the local, state and regional levels. She has been president of the Women's Fellowships of North Carolina and the Southern Convention (North Carolina and Virginia). She was a **member of the Adult Planning Committee from the Congregational Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches** which resulted in a combination of the work of lay men and women in the new denomination (United Church of Christ), which is a departure in organizational structure for a Protestant denomination. Mrs. Lester was one of the 30 people **elected to this new Council for Lay Life and Work** when the Constitution of the United Church of Christ was adopted in Philadelphia in 1961.

Professionally, Mrs. Lester has been a school teacher and for many years has conducted a private first-grade in Asheboro, North Carolina. For 2 1/2 years she worked part-time as a **field worker for the National Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women.** January 1, 1963, she began work full-time for the Council for Lay Life and Work as Southern Regional Secretary, thus relinquishing her membership in that body.

A native of New Smyrna, Florida, Emily Carleton Lester graduated from high school in Winter Park and taught there after graduation from Florida State College. She has lived in North Carolina since 1938 when she was married to the Rev. F. C. Lester. The first 8 years were spent in Elon College, when Dr. Lester was superintendent of the Southern Convention. Then followed 10 years in Asheboro, where she served as president of the Parent Teachers Association, the Council of Church Women, and Woman's Club, as well as being secretary of the N. C. Society for Crippled Children and Adults. In recent years the Lesters have lived in High Point, where Dr. Lester is pastor of First Congregational Christian Church.

Dr. and Mrs. Lester have three children: Elizabeth, who is teaching English at Kobe College, Nishinomiya, Japan; Dorothy, who is a junior at Vassar College (Poughkeepsie, New York); and Harry, who is a sophomore at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida.

Dr. John L. Casteel

The Rev. Dr. John L. Casteel, Sinmsbury, Connecticut, is **general secretary for leadership training** of the Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ.

The Council for Lay Life and Work is the first "co-educational" agency for lay church members in American Protestantism. The Council consists of 30 members who develop and coordinate the participation of laymen and laywomen in the life of the Church.

Before coming to the Council in July of 1964, Dr. Casteel was **professor of Practical Theology and director of field work at Union Theological Seminary** for nine years. From 1951 to 1956 he taught at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, New York.

While a professor of speech at Union Theological Seminary from 1942 to 1951, he served as **minister of Church-in-the-Gardens, Forest Hills and of First Congregational Church, Sharon, Connecticut.**

A native of Randolph, Nebraska, he was graduated from Nebraska Wesley in 1927 (A. B. Degree) and has an M. A. and a Ph. D. from Northwestern. In 1947 he received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Nebraska Wesleyan.

He is married to the former Audeline Bough of Lincoln, Nebraska. They have a son and a daughter.

Dr. Casteel will be the **Bible Study Leader for the Summer Conference** of the Southern (Acting) Conference at Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina, June 15-18. He will also speak on Tuesday evening. Evening sessions will be open to the public.

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Mrs. Stuart E. Sinclair

Mrs. Stuart E. Sinclair, **President of United Church Women,** is a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., serving on the Committee of Structure and Function.

A past national treasurer of United Church Women, Mrs. Sinclair was a member of the World Day of Prayer Advisory committee and has served as national chairman of that committee. In 1961, as part of the observance of the 75th anniversary of World Day of Prayer, Mrs. Sinclair **led the Prayer Fellowship in Madras, India.**

A former state president of United Church Women of Massachusetts, Mrs. Sinclair has also served her state as Spiritual Life chairman, Fellowship Fund Interpretor, and in the Massachusetts Council of Churches as a vice-president.

Mrs. Sinclair grew up a Presbyterian, was **synodical president of Presbyterian Women of New England** and **vice-president of the National Council of Presbyterian Women.** When she moved into a New England town with no Presbyterian Church, she joined the Congregational, became president of its Women's Association, the District Fellowship, moderator of the Franklin Association, of Congregational Churches and a trustee of the Massachusetts Congregational Christian Conference. She served as a **member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners of the new United Church Board for World Ministries** of the UCC, as **a member of its Stewardship Council. Director now of "Office of Communication," UCC;** Director of Board of Lady Doak Fund's Corp., of Lady Doak College for Women in Madurai, India.

In September, 1964, Mrs. Sinclair, at the invitation of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board, U. S. Government, **toured Europe speaking to the Protestant Women of the Chapel in Scotland, England, France, Spain and Germany.**

Mrs. Sinclair majored in Latin, French and Greek at Grove City College in Pennsylvania and taught Latin for four years. Her husband is Director of Research, Greenfield Tap and Die, United Greenfield Corporation, Greenfield, Massachusetts. They are the parents of two daughters and a son.

Mrs. Sinclair **will lead a study of "United Church Women"** at the Women's Summer Conference of the Southern (Acting) Conference at Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina, June 15-18. She will also speak on Thursday evening. Evening sessions will be open to the public.

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Tuesday, June 15

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Friday, June 18

Mrs. Van D. Grimes

Mrs. Van D. Grimes (Edith) of Faith, North Carolina is **Chairman of the Women's Summer Conference of the Southern (Acting) Conference** of the United Church of Christ, to be held at Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina, June 15-18.

Mrs. Grimes is a native of Thomasville, North Carolina; wife of the pastor of Shiloh United Church of Christ, Faith, North Carolina; and mother of three children.

She attended school in Davidson County; has special interest in theology and Christian education and has done much reading and study in these fields. She has participated in classes for wives of seminary students at Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, while with her husband there for three years. She has had specialized training in national and regional conferences and workshops.

She has served as Synodical Children's Worker and **member of National Cabinet of Children's Workers of the Evangelical and Reformed Church,** Secretary of Piedmont Regional Women's Guild and Southern Synodical Women's Guild, and Bible study leader for 1963 Women's Summer Conference. She **prepared the study guide for use by local churches in the Southern (Acting) Conference for use with MISSION BY ROYAL AUTHORITY** by Suzanne de Dietrich. She has taught in numerous leadership training schools; led Bible study groups in local churches; and served as speaker in local churches.

At present, she is Chairman of Leadership Education Committee of Southern Synodical Women's Guild; **member of Co-ordinating Committee of Southern Conference;** Member of Southern Synod Committe on Christian Education with special responsibility for adult and family life; and **contributor to Number III, "Ventures In Lay Life and Work," which appears in PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS.**

MRS. VAN D. GRIMES

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Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina — June 15-18, 1965

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Publication Division to Replace Curriculum In Stricken Churches

The Division of Publication has offered to replace church school curriculum materials of churches destroyed or damaged by the recent Midwest floods and tornadoes, where insurance does not cover the loss or replacement purchase would be a hardship for the congregation. Materials worth $1,192 have already been shipped to Emmanuel Church, Bluffton, Ohio, and the Congregational United Church of Christ in Pittsfield, Ohio, both of which were destroyed by tornadoes April 1.

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The Sermon on The Mount was the first Bible Selection in English to be published by the **American Bible Society** under a new program begun in 1946. Since then it has been published in more than 40 languages and dialects and has had a circulation of more than 50 million copies.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Day Care Opens!

REPORT FOR MAY 3, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 327.67
Eastern North Carolina Conference	1.00
Western North Carolina Conference	169.35
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	198.50
Total	$ 696.52
Special Offerings	
Center Church, Womens' Fellowship, Hartford, Conn.	$ 15.00
New Hope Christian Church, Roanoke, Ala.	10.00
Women's Adult Bible Class, United Church of Christ, Southern Pines, N. C.	10.00
East Barre, Ladies Auxiliary, Cong. Church, East Barre, Vermont	5.00
Mr. Stuart Olson, Salem, Mass.	10.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Miss Willie Trollinger (5 Memorials)	
Total Memorial Gifts	35.00
Special Offerings	3,248.42
Total	$3,333.42
Total for the Week	$4,029.94

May 5, 1965

Dear Friends:

These are exciting days here at our Home for Children. On Monday (May 3rd) of this week, we opened our Day Care Center. The Center opened under the direction of Miss Maxine Bean, a 1964 graduate of Elon College. Assisting her is Mrs. Delores Overby from Burlington. We are quite pleased to get this service underway. As stated in a previous letter, we received assistance from the Day Care Division of the Department of Public Welfare of the State of North Carolina in equipment. It was our responsibility to secure leadership and facilities. The basement of Holt Memorial Chapel lends itself beautifully to this kind of a program. With some minor work, we have been able to make this facility usable for this purpose. This service, of course, is a service for the people in the immediate area of the Home. We are most pleased thus far with the response to this new service. This means now that our Home is a multiple service Home, meaning that we can offer service in the area of group care, foster care and day care.

We are equally pleased that in all of these services we are licensed to operate in this state. This means that we are meeting the minimum standards in each of these areas of service. In this day care program, we feel that we can be of assistance not only to the 3, 4 and 5 year old boys and girls who come into our care, but we are hopeful that the training we give these children will mean for a better homelife for them. Both parents of these children work and are away from the children the entire day. Thus we have an opportunity to be of real assistance in helping to give these children not only guidance in every day activities, but it is an opportunity for religious training as well. The program will be so arranged that the children will be in groups according to their age. In this way each child who comes with us when he is 3 years old has a different program from the 4 or 5 years old. We are quite pleased that in a very short time the Day Care Division of the State Department of Public Welfare will be holding a workshop here at our Center. We are quite pleased that our Home was selected by the Day Care Division of the State Department of Public Welfare to organize and conduct a model Day Care Center. Whenever any of our people are in the area of the Home and visit us on our campus, we hope you will make it a point to visit the Day Care Center at Holt Memorial Chapel.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder

SUMMER CURRICULUM WORKSHOP

The summer semester material for the United Church Curriculum will be introduced at the Congregational United Church of Christ during a workshop for teachers and church school workers in the area. The date is Tuesday, June 8, beginning at 7:30. Christian Education Associates will provide the leadership for this training session.

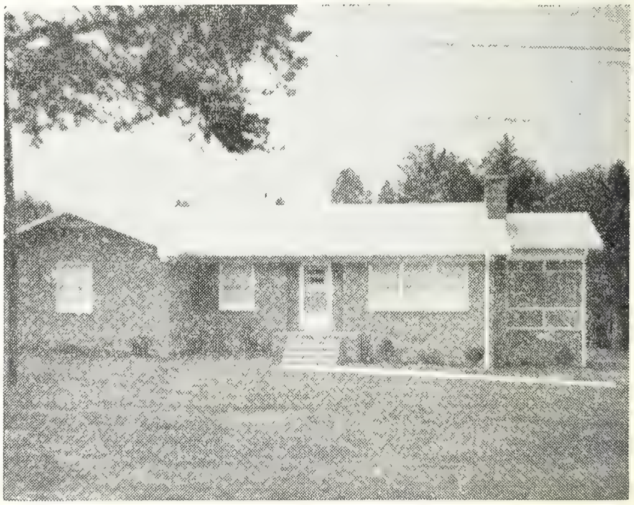
HANK'S CHAPEL HOMECOMING

A Homecoming Service will be held at Hanks Chapel United Church of Christ, Pittsboro, on May 23rd. The morning worship at 10:30 will be followed by a short Memorial Service and a picnic lunch at 12:30. A special song service is planned for the afternoon. Friends and members of the church are invited to share in this event.

INVITATION TO SPECIAL MEETING

The Convention of the South will hold special meetings at St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, Greensboro, N. C., June 22-23, 1965. The Convention of the South will take formal action toward consolidation in the formation of the Southern Conference.

Superintendent J. Taylor Stanley, of the Convention of the South, has issued an invitation to ministers and other persons of the Southern Convention in the Greensboro area to be present for these important meetings. Ministers and laymen are invited to take advantage of this welcome invitation from Superintendent Stanley and the Convention of the South.



An Open House was held for the new parsonage of the Monticello United Church of Christ at Browns Summit on May 16. Pictured above, the new building is now the home of the pastor of the church, Mr. James N. Biggerstaff and his family, who moved in April 6. Serving as hosts for the occasion were the Young Leaders Class of the church. The house was completed at a cost of about $18,500.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Elon Students Honored

Fourteen Elon College students were presented with trophies, cash awards or scholarships at the annual Elon College Awards Day program, which was held as a special chapel convocation in Whitley Auditorium May 5th. A total of fifteen awards were given, but one student was twice honored.

Betsy Parsley, of Elon College, was the winner of the John W. Barney Memorial Scholarship, a cash award which is given each year in memory of the late Prof. J. W. Barney, a member of the Elon English faculty for thirty-three years. The award was presented by Dr. J. E. Danieley. The Ned F. Brannock Award for research in chemistry was not awarded this year due to lack of a Qualified project.

President Danieley also presented the Basnight Awards for excellence in Bible Study and athletics, two awards given annually in memory of the late Stein H. Basnight, of Chapel Hill, long-time member of the Elon board of trustees. The award for Bible study went to Phillip Ladd, of Meriden, Conn., while the award as Elon's outstanding athlete of 1964-65 went to Jesse Branson, of Burlington.

The William Moseley Brown Award, given each year by Sigma Mu Sigma Fraternity in honor of Dr. William Moseley Brown, of St. Petersburg, Fla., prominent former Elon faculty member, was presented by Kenneth Faw to Fred Stephenson, of Greenville, R. I., who served as president of the Elon College Student Government Association during the current college year.

Fred Stephenson was also presented with the annual president's plaque of the Student Government Association, this presentation being by Mike Herbert, who served as student vice-president during the year. Stephenson later presented another Student Government Award to Melvin Shreves, of Elon College, for his outstanding contribution to campus government as a non-elective officer.

The Pi Gamma Mu Scholarship Award, given each year by the Elon chapter of the honorary social science fraternity, was presented by Prof. Durward Stokes to Alan MacDonald, of Falls Church, Va., who was chosen this year as the outstanding Elon student in the field of social science and history .

The Shackley Awards in music, given each year in memory of the late Dr. George Shackley, of St. Petersburg, Fla., were presented by Prof. Walter Westafer to Melba White, of Mebane, as the student showing most improvement in piano this year, and to Nancy Thomas, of Burlington, as the student showing most improvement in organ.

The Physical Education Majors Club Award, given annually to the outstanding senior major in the field of physical education, was presented by Joe Dawson to Kenneth Marper, of Henderson, who has served as manager and head trainer for the Elon football team and has twice been president of the Physical Ed Majors Club.

The Somers Essay Award, given each year by Chaplain and Mrs. Lester I. Somers, of the United States Navy, was presented by Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds to David Andes, of Elon College, for his outstanding research essay in the field for philosophy and religion.

The Jerry Dalton Strader Awards, given each year in memory of the late Jerry D. Strader, for many years a leader in religious, educational and civic affairs in Burlington, were presented by Prof. John S. Graves to Janet Lamm, of Burlington, for outstanding work in Christian education, and to Laura Rice, of Burlington, for outstanding work in the campus dramatics program.

A new Wall Street Journal Award, given for the first time this year for outstanding work and potential in the field of business, was presented by Mrs. Jeanne Williams to Stephan Snider, of West Palm Beach, Fla., who completed graduation requirements at midyear and is already working in a trainnee program in New York.

The Dudley Ray Watson Award, also given for the first time this year and presented by the Business Club in memory of the late Prof. Dudley Ray Watson, a former professor in the Business Department, was presented by Prof. James Toney to Allen Beals, of Annapolis, Md., in recognition of outstanding work in the business field.

In addition to these special awards, recognition was also given by department heads to several seniors who have already been given scholarships, fellowships or grants for graduate study. David Andes, of Elon College, has received a one-year fellowship to Andover-Newton Seminary; Leslie Donald Johnson, of Burlington, has been given one of the Reynolds Scholarships for medical study at Bowman Gray School of Medicine; Jack Brammer of Leaksville, has a research grant in textile chemistry at Clemson; James Watson, of Graham, has a grant in physics at the University of South Carolina; and Evelyn Kent, of Granite Falls, and Sallie McDuffie, of Portsmouth, Va., have graduate fellowships in biology and chemistry respectively at Appalachian State College.

Players Close With So. Pacific

The Elon College Players closed their campus dramatic season with the presentation of Rogers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific," great Broadway musical show, in Whitley Auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, May 6, 7, 8.

The Rogers and Hammerstein show, which had a long run on Broadway, has its setting on an island in the far Pacific, with the principal scenes taking place in a hospital on the island. Action involves nurses, island residents and military personnel, with the chief romantic interest involving a French plantation owner and a nurse.

The principal romantic and dramatic lead featured Betty Cook of Mebane, a teacher in one of the Durham County high schools, who appeared as Nellie Forbush. Paired with her in the romantic plot was Wayne Seymour, son of Rev. and Mrs. Collie Seymour of the Shallow Well Church, Sanford, who appeared as Emile, the French plantation owner.

There is a secondary romantic interest, involving a young native girl and a youthful lieutenant of Marines. Appearing in these roles were Anne Cunningham of Elon College, as Liat, the young native girl, and Dale Ward of Kensington, Md., as Lt. Cable.

Laura Rice, the veteran Player star from Burlington who has long been one of the outstanding performers on the Elon stage, played one of the comic leads in portraying Bloody Mary, island native. Sharing comic honors with her were Emily Anderson of Asheville, Tom Warner of Gibsonville, Bob Model of Greenwich, Conn., and Ben Bayol of Alexandria, Virginia.

There were a large number of others in lesser roles in the show. More than 30 persons had speaking parts. An extensive stage crew was used, and as many as 80 persons sometimes worked in the show.

The production of "South Pacific" was the joint work of the Music and Drama departments of the College. Professor Sandy Moffett was the director. Large and appreciative audiences praised this musical show.

The Unforgivable Sin

W. W. Sloan

Professor of Religion, Elon College

The term, the unforgivable or unpardonable sin, bothers many of us. If God is loving, all forgiving, how can there be a sin he does not pardon?

First, we must recognize what sin is. The Greek word translated "sin" means missing the mark, failing to hit the bull's eye. It is a failing to do the will of God. Jesus was representing the will of his heavenly father when he said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Sin is an attitude or act that reduces the abundance of life for the sinner or for some one else. James says, "Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin" (4:17).

What sin is unpardonable? Those who do not examine the scriptures carefully give a variety of answers. Some list it as wealth, quoting Jesus, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God" (Mk. 10:25), forgetting that Jesus points out that while riches may turn a man's attention from the more important things of life, with God's help all things are possible. Wealth is not the unforgivable sin.

Some nominate drunkenness for this distinction, turning to Paul for backing, but they forget that Paul's statement in I Cor. 6:9-10 is, "Neither the immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God." Drunkenness does not rank above these other vices.

Some would list suicide as unpardonable, saying that the dead man has no chance to seek pardon, but who are we to limit God? The dead are still in the hands of a loving God.

Then comes the idea of profane language. Certainly Jesus said, in the words of our text, "Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness" (Mk. 3:29). But is Jesus talking about taking the name of the Lord in vain? Note Jesus' words of the preceding verse, "All sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter." The unforgivable sin is evidently a particular kind of blasphemy, namely blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

This leads to the question, **What is the Holy Spirit?** We turn to the Gospel accord-to John for our answer. In 14:16 Jesus refers to "Another Counselor, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth." In the 21st verse he mentions, "The Counselor, the Holy Spirit." In 16:13 Jesus says "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth." The Holy Spirit is truth. In 8:32 John quotes Jesus as saying regarding the real Christian, "You will know the truth and the truth will make you free."

The person who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, fails to get that freedom. He is closing his mind to truth, unwilling to listen to the truth. Why is this unforgivable? Forgiveness is a two way matter. I cannot forgive my brother if he will not accept the forgiveness. I can't sell unless my prospective buyer buys. God can't forgive me if I close my mind to God, to the truth.

Revelation 3:20 reads, "I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him," but God never knocks the door down, never forces his way into the heart of any man. The man must open the door. So one must accept forgiveness in order to be forgiven. He must repent, that is rethink, his sin. The man with a closed mind cannot do this.

If we continually reject the truth, close our mind to facts, our minds eventually become crooked, unbalanced, we get out of touch with reality and find little satisfaction in life. A woman once told me, "I like to think there are no such things as germs." This "kidding" herself did not bring her happiness. Jesus insisted, "Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened" (Mt. 7:7). Truth will stand up under the most thorough investigation. If some pet idea cannot withstand the scrutiny of questioning, the sooner we get rid of it the better. Liking to think something doesn't make one's liking reality. The Holy Spirit is truth. We must constantly discover it.

Dare we put our prejudices above truth? Some of our forefathers said, "The only good Indian is a dead Indian." One pupil upon being told that Jesus was a Jew insisted, "No, I still think he was an Englishman." Are our attitudes toward Communists prejudices or truth?. Our feeling about Negroes? One student told me: "You surely don't believe husband and wife should be equals. I'm going to be boss in my home. That's the only way to be happy." That denial of the Spirit of truth led to divorce.

The person who refuses to investigate, to question, has closed his mind to truth, sinned against the Spirit of truth, even the Holy Spirit. He is unable to repent, therefore unable to receive forgiveness.

Borrowed Curriculum Requested

From time to time, individuals have borrowed items from the United Church Curiculum samples at the Southern Convention office for study and examination. In several cases, these borrowed items have left us without a single sample in some age groups.

So that others may see the materials from time to time, and so we can have samples for training teachers around the Convention, any churches or individuals with curriculum coursebooks or pupils' books are requested to bring them back right away. The United Church Curriculum cycle will begin all over again this September, which means we will need the first materials introduced. Please get them back if you have copies!

1965 Directory

The 1965 edition of **LITERATURE, PRINTED MATERIALS AND AUDIO VISUALS** is off the press and available from Central Distribution Service, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19102. The code number is HM-P-0465-29M and the cost is 25c in any quantity.

This book has more than 100 pages of resources in virtually every area of church life. It explains the main idea of each piece, the cost and where to get it. Motion pictures and filmstrips are listed as well. Church workers would find this booklet very helpful in ordering materials.

In Memoriam

Elliott E. Henley

Died April 21, 1965; member of Great Bridge Congregational Christian Church, Chesapeake, Virginia.

Rev. George Nishimoto

VISITOR AT ELON

Reverend George Nishimoto of New York City, Secretary for Church Vocations of the Council for Church and Ministry of the United Church of Christ, was a visitor on the Elon College campus April 21-23. On the 22nd he addressed the United Church of Christ student group (UCCF) and was speaker at Student Chapel Services on the 22nd and 23rd in Whitley Auditorium.

DR. MARTIN NIEMOELLER

Religion In Eastern Europe

In a world largely composed of non-Christian people, Christians cannot "deny the Gospel message to our fellowmen because they are Communists or atheists," a noted German churchman declared here today.

"We Christians owe the gospel witness to every creature, for Jesus came and died no less for Communists than for ourselves," the Rev. Dr. Martin Niemoeller, one of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches, said.

He spoke at the closing session of a three-day annual meeting of the U. S. Conference of the World Council of Churches. Some 200 leaders from the W.C.C.'s 30 member churches in the United States have been on hand. The World Council consists of 209 communions throughout the world.

In areas where the church has begun to reach out to non-Christians, Dr. Niemoeller said "this renewal, which has begun or is beginning in Eastern Europe, is the decisive turning-point for all church renewal."

Dr. Niemoeller, who became a symbol of Christian resistance to the Hitler regime, stated that the church in East Germany has now returned to its status of 1932, before Hitler came to power.

For 15 years, he said, Christians in Germany had kept their faith by believing that reunification of East and West Germany would come about. But "the 15 years of hope, artificially produced and artificially kept alive," Dr. Niemoeller said, "brought no renewal" in the churche's life there. Realization that "there is no hope left anymore that this division of a country and people will be overcome in a foreseeable future" at least opened "the moment when renewal began," Dr. Niemoeller said.

"We are left and placed in this world, in this area," he continued, "dominated by a Communist system, from which we Christians had hoped to be liberated. This hope now is revealed as a deception and a self-deception, and yet here we are and still we are alive."

Also since 1945, Dr. Niemoeller noted, "the Communist authorities have not tried to oppress churches in the Soviet Union area which are licensed." These are the Orthodox Church of Russia, the Georgian and the Armenian Church, the Baptist Church and the Lutheran Churches in Estonia and Latvia.

Noting that "persecution has not succeeded in doing away with Christianity, even if a considerable part of the formerly Christian population of the Soviet Union has given way to either persecution or state-supported atheist propaganda," this must mean, Dr. Niemoeller said, that "some kind of reanimation or revival has occurred to those who stood through." Yet "what we should call a revival has happened only in limited dimensions" he said. The West German churchman, who visited Russia in 1961 said that evidences of renewal can be seen in the Russian Orthodox Church.

While in Russia he said, "I was surprised finding a remarkable number of young people among the churchgoers." He also stated his conviction that "the quality of the young generation of clerics has some promises in it for the future of this church. Another and different question and problem, of course, is whether or not the quantity (of clerics) is and will be sufficient."

Summarizing the position of the various churches in eastern Europe, Dr. Niemoeller said that Hungary "has the highest percentage in church attendance on the European continent, the situation in Poland seems to be similar, and in both countries the relations with state authorities are comparatively good and at least not aiming at producing new tensions and controversies."

The greatest problem of any European church, he said, is encountered by the Czechoslovakian church "since there the ministers are being paid by the state itself, which in this way can easily dispose of any pastor who does not act and function to the state's satisfaction. But nevertheless . . . church attendance seems to be comparatively good and the Czech, as well as the Slovak people, including the Christans among them, are genuinely interested in the common destiny of this nation."

"This means," he said, "that in Czechoslovakia, maybe more than in other countries, the Christians are not tempted to live a ghetto-life for themselves only; their more dangerous temptation may be that their faithfulness to Christ and to his cause may be slighted, as it happened to the 'German Christians' in Hitler's day."

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MISSION IN ANGOLA HAMPERED BY GOVERNMENT

The normal force of 30 missionaries of the UCC in Angola, Portuguese West Africa, has dwindled to six, according to the Rev. Dr. Alford Carleton, executive vice president of the Board for World Ministries.

Since 1963 six additional missionaries appointed to serve in Angola have been unable to obtain visas from the Portuguese government. Experienced missionaries on leave in the U. S. have been denied re-entry permits.

The last visa was granted in March 1964 to the Rev. Joyce Myers, now working in Elende training leaders in Christian education. "We had hoped this action by the Portuguese presaged a new attitude toward continuance of missionary service in Angola," Dr. Carleton said. "But no more visas or re-entry permits were granted."

The six missionaries in Angola are carrying on in cooperation with 21 colleagues of the United Church of Canada. Five are in educational work and one is a nurse in public health work.

"We continue to make application to the government of Portugal for missionaries to be admitted to work for the benefit of the people of Angola," Dr. Carleton said. "At the same time, we continue to send in financial help and to support the Christian community there with our prayers."

1965 Church School Conventions

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

The Western North Carolina Church School Convention will be held on June 20 (Sunday) from 2:30-5:00 at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church in Bennett.

NORTH CAROLINA & VIRGINIA

The North Carolina and Virginia Church School Convention will be held at the Union Ridge United Church of Christ, Burlington, on Tuesday, June 22, beginning at 9:30 and including lunch.

MISSION: THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING

The theme for both of these Convention meetings will be Mission: The Christian's Calling, the interdenominational emphasis for 1965-66 in missionary education. Resources have been produced by the Friendship Press.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

On Power And Extremism

A crisis of the first order developed at our East Burlap Church a few weeks ago. It came about as a result of the awakening of the grass making up the church lawn. As grass is wont to do this time of the year, it began to grow. Normally this would mean getting out the lawn mower and cutting it. Unfortunately, the twenty-seven year old reel mower had seen its last season. The Committee on Outside Appearance voted to purchase a new gasoline powered mower.

Somehow, good old Mr. Arch A. Ick learned of this decision. He demanded that the Outside Appearance Committee retract its power mower vote and hear his opinion on the matter.

Simply stated, Mr. Ick maintained that power mowers had no business on church lawns. The reel type had been good enough for preceding Outside Appearance Committees and ought to be good enough for this one. Furthermore, if God had wanted lawn mowers to have motors He would have had them made that way in the first place.

Bearing out his contention that the church is being taken over by power interests, the Outside Appearance Committee bought the power motor anyway. The crisis had just begun shaping up.

The following Sunday morning, while waiting out on the front steps for opening exercises to end in Sunday School, some of the men in the Adult Bible Class began discussing the lawn. Before long, someone had produced a ruler and measurements were being taken at various points. As a result, three other committees of the church became involved. All three circulated reports (two mimeographed and one printed).

The Stewardship Committee flatly stated that the grass had not been cut short enough. By not cutting it short, they pointed out, growing time between cuts was decreased and the resultant frequent mowings was poor stewardship.

The Social Action Committee, in a thirteen page pronouncement, pointed out that unless the grass was kept long, less mowing would be required and the man paid to do the job would suffer economically. This immediately raised a loud response in the form of a tract denouncing the church getting into anything but religious matters.

The Board of Trustees, level-headed to the last man, suggested that the proper length would be half-way between long and short, lest the church be accused of extremism.

A congregational meeting finally had to be called to resolve the problems. After much debate, and a vote of 17-9 (the East Burlap Church has 172 members), the whole lawn area was paved with concrete and painted green.

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The Senior Oak On Elon College Campus

In early 1889 clearing was begun in a forest in Alamance County at Mill Point, a station on the North Carolina Railroad. This forest was to be the campus of the new college which the Southern Convention of the Christian Church had authorized in a special session held at Providence Christian Church in Graham on September 13, 1888. A name for the college had not yet been chosen. The Railroad Company and the Post Office Department had agreed that, barring conflict with existing names, the name chosen for the college might also be the name of the Railroad Station, and of the Post Office.

Perhaps the earliest printed description of what was to be the Elon College campus appeared in The Christian Sun in 1889. The description revealed that 33 kinds of trees and vines had been found on the campus. The **oaks** predominated: white oak, red oak, black oak, blackjack oak, Spanish oak, pin oak and post oak. Also present were hickory, dogwood, pine (two kinds), cedar holly, black gum, sweet gum, chinquapin, poplar, silver maple, elm, hackberry, persimmon, haw (two kinds), sassafras, mulberry, walnut, willow, ironwood, ash and the locust. Wild grapes and muscadine vines abounded. Forest flowers were everywhere. Many of the trees and flowers of the campus have remained as the calm reminder of our College's history.

Doubtless, several names were suggested for the college, among them it is known that "Bon Air" was suggested. However, the "Bible conscious" church group turned to biblical history and chose the name Elon from the Hebrew **Elon,** for oak—meaning hardy life, strength and beauty. One of the earliest references to the name was given by Dr. Will S. Long, Jr., son of the founder and first president, Dr. William S. Long, who reported the following incident:

> **"One day, Dr. J. U. Newman (first Dean of Elon and a faculty member for more than 50 years), came out of a committee room and said to me, 'Will, save all the oak trees, as we have named the College ELON for a Hebrew village in Palestine noted for its massive oaks and pretty women.' The name Elon had been suggested by Professor P. J. Kernodle. Thus, the College became Elon College at Elon College, North Carolina."**

Since this time the oak has been the favorite tree on the campus, and the "Senior Oak" is the prize tree. A legend of the Senior Oak is given on page 8.

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell on stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But others fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

/KJ

And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.

/RSV

In his sowing some of the seeds fell by the roadside and the birds swooped down and gobbled them up. Some fell on stony patches where they had very little soil. They sprang up quickly in the shallow soil, but when the sun came up they were scorched by the heat and withered away because they had no roots. Some seeds fell among thorn-bushes and the thorns grew up and choked the life out of them. But some fell on good soil and produced a crop—some a hundred times what had been sown, some sixty and some thirty times. The man who has ears to hear should use them!

/Phillips

Each of us has a particular ax to grind. Each has a "slant" on virtually every aspect of life which, because it is our own, obviously seems most attractive and acceptable. When Jesus tells us, as he does in the parable of the sower, to listen and hear with understanding to what he implies in his parable, we listen and understand from our particular point of view. In effect, we hear what we think we hear and not what he may really be saying.

Quite clearly we cannot avoid this kind of subjective observation. We are who we are and what we are. We can, however, be willing to continue becoming what we are not. If we had read the parable of the sower as a child, it would have said something to us, according to our limited understanding. Reading it now, it can say things quite differently if we permit it to. We have not reached the epitome of understanding. We are still maturing as followers of the way. It is when we refuse to admit this that our subjectivity becomes dangerous and threatens to bring narrowness and stagnancy.

The Lord A Shepherd Is To Me

By John G. Truitt

The Lord a shepherd is to me
Lack I no necessity;
He leads me by the waters still,
Restores my mind and heart and will;
He guides me in the paths I take,
He guides men for His own name's sake;
And if death's valley I should trod,
I'm succored by His staff and rod;
In face of foe by Him I'm fed
And He with oil anoints my head;
His goodness makes my cup o'erflow,
His mercy goes where'er I go,
Until I make the other shore,
And in His house dwell evermore.

A Unique Ministry

Riverside Church Radio

Few of our fellowship realize that Riverside Church in New York City maintains an FM radio station as a part of its ministry to the city. Riverside Church is a joint Baptist-Congregational Christian institution with more than 3,000 members. It has recently won a citation for radio in this years' George Foster Peabody Awards—the only citation for radio awarded this year. It was called "one of the most influential factors in the expanding use of frequency modulation radio."

Eastern North Carolina Church School Convention

Sunday, June 27 3:00 - 8:30
Theme: MISSION — THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING
Liberty Vance Church, Henderson

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The Future Of The Church In Town And Country

Most of the churches of the major denominations in North Carolina are located in communities of 25,000 or less. **Many of these churches are facing difficult days due to declining population, urbanization and mechanization, lack of trained lay and professional ministerial leadership, and lack of significant program.** These conclusions were made crystal clear at a meeting on Town and Country Churches, sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches and North Carolina State, held on its campus May 10-11, 1965.

The problems confronting churches in town and country are of concern to denominations, conferences, and the extension services of land grant colleges. Each seeks to be of service in community development and church development.

Outstanding lecturers were present and spoke to the theme, **The Church and the State of Society.** Leaders included Dr. Selz C. Mayo, Dr. Cleo McCoy, Dr. Garland A. Hendricks, Dr. Harry V. Richardson, and Mrs. R. W. Long, and Dr. Henry A. McCanna. Each of the leaders and speakers were expert in the field of rural sociology or rural church work.

One of the features included a panel on **What Our Churches Are Doing in Town and Country Work.** The panel included Dr. Garland R. Stafford, Methodist, Rev. Robert Bird, Episcopal, Dean Frank R. Brown, A.M.E. Zion, Rev. J. R. McAlpine, Presbyterian, **Rev. Van D. Grimes, United Church of Christ,** Rev. J. Wilford Lyerly, Lutheran, Rev. Wilbur Wallace, Disciples, Rev. Ernest C. Upchurch, Baptist. The panelists indicated the problems which seem to be common to all and noted that each denomination is seeking to help solve problems in denominational and cooperative ways. Hope was expressed that cooperatively solutions would be found.

Those attending from the Southern Conference area included: Rev. Van D. Grimes, panelist; Rev. Thomas Madren, Chairman of the Committee on Town and Country for the Southern Convention, Revs. T. N. Daughtry, Joe A. French, Don Sledge, Winfred Bray, Conrad Cornelius, and Superintendent Clyde Fields.

The writer would urge all ministers and churches in the Town and Country category to take full advantage of the Town and Country Committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches, the Committee on Town and Country for the United Church, and the Committees on Town and country for the Southern Convention, Southern Synod, and the Convention of the South. These Committees have resources available to enable a local church or a local community to do a self-study and project a program that would lead to a much better day for the church in town and country. The writer would commend the extension services of North Carolina State College in helping to develop a better community. A number of communities in North Carolina are now taking advantage of the County Extension Agent's service in this connection.

There is hope for the Town and Country Church if the right and wise use would be made of all the resources available. God is at work on behalf of His churches in Town and Country. Excellent research material is available, expert leadership is available for the asking. Let us take advantage of these tools and resources, to the end that the church in town and country may structure itself for effective service for Christ in our communities.

Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent

ABOUT YOUR 1965-66 BUDGET PLANNING

One of the outstanding opportunities which will be available in 1965 is the EVERY CHURCH VISITATION emphasis in which the Southern Convention is sharing, along with churches all over the nation.

This emphasis seeks to reach leaders in every local church with a realistic picture of the needs and the potentialities basic to Our Christian World Mission.

Some local churches begin planning their budgets for the coming year in late spring, summer or early fall. Because the EVERY CHURCH VISITATION emphasis will add to the impact of your local stewardship program, you are requested to wait until **after** September 20 to plan your 1965-66 budget, or at least that portion of it which includes Our Christian World Mission. By so doing, your fellowship will be able to share more effectively in the world-wide witness of the church with understanding and sound stewardship.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

Fellowship

(Note: This is the second in a series of five articles on the areas of study for the Senior High P. and T. Conference.)

fellowship, n., v., 1. the condition or relation of being a fellow. 2. community of interest, feeling, etc. 3. communion, as between members of the same church. 4. friendliness. 5. an association of persons having similar tastes, interests, etc. 6. a company; a guild or corporation. 7. to join in fellowship esp. religious fellowship. This is the definition of fellowship according to **The American College Encyclopedic Dictionary.** However, as in the case of "faith" this definition is not sufficient in application to the Southern Convention Planning and Training Conference theme "New patterns for old truths."

How has fellowship changed over the years? For one it seems to be a little more complicated and harder to arrive at than in earlier years. According to history things moved at a much slower pace in the early centuries, even in recent decades. But now, because of automation, cars, time schedules, and the jet plane, time seems to move at a quicker pace. This results in a loneliness because we are moving too fast to be very friendly or to even talk with others, much less work with others in a Christian cause and in fun.

Before going further into its application to the theme let us discuss what **Christian** fellowship means today in comparison to yesteryear. In the days after Christ's ascension it seems that Christian fellowship was primarily meeting in secrecy with fellow believers to worship. But now Christianity is no longer an underground operation. Therefore it can blossom out to involve not just the serious moments, but the happier, more care-free times.

Just the same one could, or should not say that fellowship is just for fun. Unfortunately this is a popular misconception. But according to the definition, especially "communion, as between members of the same church," fellowship, that is **Christian** fellowship, is applicable to work and/or play. The idea is that the sense of togetherness and unity in cause, whether it is a ball game or community service, is the key and maker of fellowship.

Referring back to the discussion on "fellowship's" application we can now ask "How does Christian fellowship play a part in today's life?" Simply this: It must include both shades of concern. We must have fellowship in this lonely world. Why so lonely? Thwarting the old addage "A rolling stone gathers no moss," the busier one becomes, the lesser he becomes "fellow."

In our maddening world our "fellow man" has become the person next door, or "what's his name," or another rat in the race. In Christian fellowship we find an industrious sanctum where mossy stones roll up hill and busy people become fellow workers.

Old truth: togetherness for Christ.

New pattern: a sanctum from a hectic world, fellowship in work and play.

"The only way to have a friend is to be one."/Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Noel Allen

Suggestions For Southern Convention P. F. Officers

TIME TO GET THEM IN!

Churches have received forms for the recommendation of young people as possible nominees for offices in the Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship. Recommended individuals should meet these qualifications:

1. An active member in a Southern Convention church
2. At least a rising sophomore and not higher than a rising senior in high school
3. Should have had leadership responsibilities in local P. F., or Conference P. F., or Convention P. F.
4. Should understand the responsibilities of the office for which his name is suggested as a possible nominee
5. Must be willing to participate in all meetings, planning and carrying out of officer's work
6. Must participate in the Senior High PF Planning and Training Conference at Moonelon Center and be present at the Youth Assembly preceding it (June 19-26)
7. Must be personally contacted and agree to having name submitted before it is sent in

The offices for which names are sought: president, vice president (editor of the Youth Page in **The Christian Sun**), secretary, treasurer, Faith Commission chairman, Action Commission chairman, Fellowship Commission chairman.

Send names and the following information to Miss Kathy Copeland, 1457 Hadlock Avenue, Norfolk, Va. 23500: name, address, age, grade in fall, church membership, submitted for which office, minister's signature, local PF offices held, conference PF offices held, other activities, and the candidate's signature. Names should be sent in before May 31.

YOUTH SUNDAY AT WAKE CHAPEL

Youth Sunday will be observed at Wake Chapel Christian Church (UCC) on Sunday, May 30, with several Senior High youth participating in the morning worship service with their pastor, the Rev. Carl F. Dunker. During this service the high school graduates of the church will be presented with Bibles.

TWO CONFERENCE PF RALLIES AT MOONELON

The Western North Carolina Pilgrim Fellowship will hold its Spring Rally at Moonelon Center on May 30 (Sunday) from 4:00-7:00. The North Carolina and Virginia Pilgrim Fellowship visited Moonelon the weekend before, Saturday and Sunday, with their theme "The Highest in Low Places." Participating in their program were the Rev. G. Melvin Palmer, pastor of Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro, the Conference PF officers and Miss Blanche Warren, advisor.

STAFF NEEDED AT MOONELON!

Adult counsellors are still in demand for the 1965 camps and conferences at Moonelon Center.

Senior High P & T (June 20-26)	**4 women**
Junior High I (July 4-10)	**1 woman**
Middle High (July 11-17)	**3 women & 1 man**
Junior Age II (July 18-24)	**2 women & 1 man**
Junior High II (July 25-31)	**1 woman & 2 men**
Junior Age III (August 1-7)	**3 women & 2 men**

These adults mean the coming or not coming to camp for more than 100 young people. That's how urgent it is.

AN ESPECIALLY FINE 'CHILDREN'S RELIGION'

For Christian Educators

The June issue of **Children's Religion** is a particularly outstanding resource for some solid discussions on Christian education and the mission of education as it reaches into the lives of our children.

This is a special request issue. It is "a compilation of resources from the editor's personal collection. Insights about Christian nurture, a focus on concern for persons and meaningful encounter, clues about the Christian faith and significant community are gathered in an alphabetical anthology."

Editor for **Children's Religion** is the Rev. Miss Betty E. Stone. Included are biblical quotations, passages from notable writings, both classic and contemporary, poetry, and prose. Christian Education Committees and teachers monthly meetings would find this material highly stimulating and refreshing.

ABS—VCS Planning Packet

When you plan your Vacation Church School, you will find the American Bible Society's 1965 VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL PACKET has been designed to make your task easier. The following items are included:

—A booklet of games played by children overseas
—a recording of languages spoken by them
—a map
—a take-home leaflet with Scripture in 14 languages
—other interesting resources, too

The Packet may be ordered for 50c from The American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

Pentecost Helps

A packet of Pentecost materials stressing the theme "You Will Receive Power" is available from the World Council of Churches' New York office for $.50. It contains poster, minister's helps, and a sample bulletin cover. Bulletin covers with the WCC presidents' message cost $2 per hundred.

OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION

T-V Program On Parables

NBC-TV PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT JUNE 6

FRONTIERS OF FAITH: Dr. Browne Barr of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., begins a series of eight weekly talks on the Parables of Jesus and their present-day application. First subject: "The Good Samaritan."

Dr. Browne Barr of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., will give eight weekly talks on the Parables of Jesus and their present-day application on NBC-TV's "Frontiers of Faith" starting **Sunday, June 6** (1:30-2 p. m. EDT). The series, titled "Participating in the Parables," will be produced in cooperation with the National Council of Churches.

"The Good Samaritan" will be Dr. Barr's first subject, **June 6.** Subsequent topics will be "Parable of the Tares," **June 13;** "The Parable of the Unjust Steward," **June 20;** "The Rich Man and the Beggar," **June 27;** "The Friend at Midnight," **July 4;** "Parable of the Wicked Husbandman," **July 11;** "Parable of the Father's Love," **July 18;** and "The Parable of the Marriage Feast and the Wedding Garment," **July 25.**

Dr. Barr is minister of the First Congregational Church in Berkeley. Doris Ann is executive producer of "Frontiers of Faith," and Marvin Einhorn is director.

VCS Materials At S. C. Office

For churches needing extra copies of Vacation Church School materials in the Cooperative Series, a few are left at the Southern Convention office and may be purchased at cost:

Primary Age 3 teacher's books (@ $1.25), 4 pupil's books (@ $.30)
Junior Age 3 teacher's books (@ $1.25), 3 pupil's books (@ $.35)
Junior High 2 teacher's books (@ $1.25), 2 pupil's books (@ $.40)

There are also four each of the primary and junior Activity Packets at .35 and .40 respectively. First come, first served.

The Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship Planning and Training Conference

For Help In Your Youth Program!

The 1965 Planning and Training Conference for senior high (those who have completed ninth grade) young people is coming up June 20-26 at Moonelon Center. The officers of the Southern Convention PF have done a great job in planning for this remarkable week. Young people from **your** church ought to be involved in the experiences!

Based on the theme **NEW PATTERNS FOR OLD TRUTHS,** each day will center around a particular area: Fellowship, Faith, Citizenship, Witness, Outreach. A key leader will begin each day for us, setting the pace for what will follow. These leaders include **Mrs. F. C. Lester** (regional secretary for the Council for Lay Life and Work); **Mr. D. Marsh McLelland** (Clerk of Court and Juvenile Judge in Alamance County); **Mike Brooks** (staff worker for the North Carolina Fund); **Vivian Era Hazel** (daughter of missionaries to Ghana and herself a teenager); **Liz Fairbank** (Southern Convention PF president).

Evening programs during the week will be tremendous! Take a look at what's coming. Monday evening will feature a drama, **DEDICATED DROPOUT.** Tuesday will be a presentation on **CHRISTIANITY CONFRONTS COMMUNISM** by Dr. Creighton Lacy, author of **The Conscience of India,** professor at Duke University and authority on international communism. Wednesday is a surprise! Thursday evening will provide time for our missions resource guest, Miss Vivian Era Hazel to tell about **Ghana** and our work. She has slides and craftwork from there. Friday evening will be a special closing service led by the co-director, Rev. Collins Kilburn.

During the days, worship, recreation, study and discussions aplenty. Get some of your young people to Moonelon for the Senior High P & T Conference. Local PF groups would make a fine investment by providing part of the funds toward the $20 fee. Some churches already are doing this.

From The Stewardship Council

The 1965 Spring Packet

One regularly received resource full of valuable helps in communicating the mission of the church is the thrice-annual PACKET from the Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ. Pastors receive this collection and may obtain additional copies from the Council at 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19102, for $1.00. A partial look at the contents of the latest:

STEWARDSHIP FACTS 1965-66 Digest of stewardship articles, sermons, resources, and procedures for ministers and church leaders. 64 pages.

YOU ARE MORE A photographic essay on the meaning of Christian stewardship, for general distribution or for use as a discussion starter in small groups. 16 pages.

ACTING ON MISSION A guide to work and witness in the local church through the definition, discovery and actions of the mission of the church in the world. 48 pages.

CHAIRMAN'S GUIDE TO CHRISTIAN ENLISTMENT A simplified three-step Enlistment is outlined in this easy-to-use manual. Set a goal; inspire your congregation; then enlist their commitment. 16 pages.

CHRISTIAN ENLISTMENT BROCHURE Advance information about Christian Enlistment materials currently available. The theme for the 1965 Enlistment will be **he calls us to join him in his passion and victory.** Enlistment Sunday is November 14.

PLUS OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST AND CONCERN.

How Do We Worship Thee? Let Us Count The Ways

Before the opening prayer or hymn,
During the prelude — and before —
In conversation, petty talk
On bargains now in every store.
    While the hymns are ringing forth
    And anthems praises raise,
    Our busy chatter bubbles out
    About our past six days.
The preacher's prayer is just the time
To scratch the nose that itches,
And note the tightness of a seam
That means we'll loosen stitches.
    Another prayer that helps us out
    Is just before collection;
    We search for sacrificial gifts
    With serious reflection.
The plates go 'round amidst the pews
While mother scolds the wigglers;
And two rows back her efforts bring
Reactions from some gigglers.
    Our throats get cleared, the coughs outpour
    Before the meditation;
    Respectfully awaiting words
    To calm our trepidation.
The benediction barely out,
Recessional completing;
The closing strains of worship
Fall on audience retreating.

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A PARABLE

Once upon a time there was a man. People thought of him as a "good church member."

One day two visitors from the church called on him.

"We would like your pledge for next year's budget," they said. "Join with us in providing for our minister's salary, for a warm, neat building, and the needed supplies for our church school."

"I don't like to give to the budget," said the man. "I like to give to something I can see—something I can visualize as my own gift."

"I will give you some money," he said, "to be used to buy a new ping pong table for the social hall. I will give you money for a new pew cushion. But that is all I will give."

The visitors went away. They hoped that not very many people felt as this man did. They hoped that everyone else would give enough money so that those who knew the church best could buy what the church needed most. They knew that if everyone did what this one man did, the church would have to close.

Even if it did have a new ping pong table.

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Once upon a time there was a church. People thought of it as being a good church.

One day the church received a letter. "Please join with other churches," the letter said, "in supporting the basic budget of 'Our Christian World Mission' so that the work of our Conference in Vermont and of our mission boards may be strong."

"We don't like to give to a budget," said the church people. "We like to be able to identify our gift with a particular mission project. We will give most of our mission money to buy a scholarship for this boy we know in Africa; to buy a motorcycle for this school principal in India; to buy Bibles for this church in Japan."

The leaders in the Conference and the mission boards hoped that other churches would give more Basic Support to "Our Christian World Mission" to make up for what this church was not giving, so that those who knew the needs of the mission best could buy the things and plan the programs that were needed most.

They knew that if every church did what this church did, the wider mission would have to be cut back. The principal of the school in India might not have any school to be principal of.

Even if he did have a new motorcycle.

"Congregational Vermont"
J. C. DeBoer

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Demand for Holy Scriptures in the United States far outruns supply reports the **American Bible Society,** which serves as the agency for more than 65 denominations in translating, publishing, distributing and encouraging the use of the Holy Scriptures around the world.

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Southern Convention Acting Conference

What Will Be Happening?

AT THE ATLANTA MEETING

Four leaders from the Southern Convention will be attending special training sessions at Atlanta, Georgia, September 8-9, to be sponsored by the Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ: Rev. L. Bill Simmons, Rev. H. Raymond Phelts, Rev. Lowell A. Smoot, and Rev. Richard N. Rinker.

At Atlanta, these leaders will receive help in use of materials and techniques for returning to the Southern Convention to train visitors

AT THE MOONELON AND EASTERN VIRGINIA MEETINGS

Teams of men and women from the Southern Convention will share in training experiences at Moonelon Center (September 10-11) and in the Eastern Virginia area (September 11). They will have an opportunity to become familiar with the resources and learn how to effectively present them. Then they will participate in the Every Church Visitations

AT THE LOCAL CHURCHES

The key leaders in local churches will meet with teams in each church to share in dialogue on the needs and opportunities confronting us as a fellowship seeking to carry the gospel of Christ to the world, in our nation and community, as well as in lands beyond our immediate horizons.

Dates have been proposed for these visitations. **Local pastors and church secretaries have received these dates with return cards to signify their willingness to prepare for and participate in the session.** Official boards and key leaders of organizations will want to be present, as well as any others concerned.

This emphasis on involving each local church in seeking genuine understanding for the mission and the needs of our fellowship is a unique opportunity to become actively engaged in the response to God's call to teach, preach and heal. See to it **your** church responds!

Local Church Stewardship & Missionary Education

The Every Church Visitation will present the church in its **servant** character.

The Every Church Visitation will present the **mission** of the church as world directed.

The present crisis in the world and society, and crisis in the church, call for a careful **re-examination** by the church of its priorities and for a possible revision of its course.

The course charted by the United Church of Christ is a course of **action** both within the local church and its community as well as within the world at large.

The Every Church Visitation will be conducted in the interest of helping the local church to assume its responsibility for the new program of the United Church, centering on the theme: **BREAKTHROUGH.**

BREAKTHROUGH (as applied to our instrumentalities, the Southern Convention, and the local church) will represent a change

- —from self-serving to **service for others.**
- —from supporting impersonal budgets to **specific programs of human need.**
- —from parochialism to **ecumenicity.**
- —from habitual ways of service now obsolete to **service of modern man in an urban culture.**
- —from an inadequate level of giving to one more commensurate with **the needs of the church in the world**.
- —from token giving by individuals to **a life-transforming stewardship.**

The purpose of **EVERY CHURCH VISITATION** will be to help the local congregations of the Southern Convention (1) **sharpen their understanding** of our mission to the world as it is carried out on the local scene, in the Convention area, and throughout the nation and the world, and (2) **involve themselves** in this common task and raise the dollars needed to accomplish this wider mission.

THUS THIS WILL BE A MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION EMPHASIS WITH SIGNIFICANT ASSISTANCE TO THE LOCAL CHURCH IN ITS WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

ELON CONCERT BAND

Annual Spring Concert

The Elon College Concert Band presented its annual spring concert in Whitley Auditorium on the Elon campus, Thursday night, May 13th. The Concert was under the direction of Prof. Jack O. White, who directs both the marching and concert band programs for Elon students. A large and an appreciative audience was present for the spring concert.

The Elon Marching Band has gained acclaim for its fine performances at Elon Football games and in parades in the area in recent years, and it was virtually the same group of about forty musicians that appeared in the transformed role of a concert group on the 13th. A smaller jazz band group, formed largely from this same group, returned the weekend of the 15th to the New York World's Fair for a series of guest programs on the huge fair grounds.

The Spring Concert opened with Eric Osterling's stirring march, "Thundercrest," followed by five baroque pieces that include "Trumpet Tune" by Purcell, "Sarabande" by Bach, "Gavotte" by Handel, "Aria" by Tenaglio, and "Psalm XVIII" by Marcello. Also set before intermission was "Grecian Theme and Dance" by Cacavas and "Sea Portrait" by LaGassey.

The final portion of the program included "By Request" by Cacavas, C. Grundman's "Flutation" by a flute quartet, Anderson's "A Trumpeter's Lullaby" as a trumpet solo by Garth Hutson, Osser's "Beguine Festival" and Zamecnik's "Polly" as a marimba solo by Barnie Tysor.

Members of the Elon Concert Band include: Bob Allen, Shavertown, Pa.; Jewelle Bass, South Boston, Va.; Harold Bodenhamer, Winston-Salem; Ken Brown, Greensboro; Mary Coolidge, Amston, Conn.; Dave Conrad, Southport; Joe Cote, Fall River, Mass.; Bill Caruth, Princeton, West Va.; Al Garrison, Smithfield, Va.; Mike Griffin, Burlington; Bob Hancock, Fairfax, Va.; Candy Hopewell, Portsmouth, Va.; Eddie Harris, Cary; Garth Hutson, Whitsett; Flora Hovis, Spruce Pine;

Steve King, Durham; Janet Lamm, Burlington; Nancy Morgan, Elon College; Alex Oliver, Suffolk, Va.; Eddie Osborne, Winston-Salem; Elizabeth Powell, Fuquay-Varina; Johnnie Sappenfield, Winston-Salem; Anne Stegall, Henderson; Judy Seaman, Henderson; Judy Stevens, West Lebanon, N. H..; Graeme Shull, Charlotte; Terry Sink, Winston-Salem; Barnie Tysor, Burlington; Paulette Westphal, Hampton, Va.; Nancy Wilson, Elon College; Elizabeth Woolsey, Madison, N. J.; John White, Elon College; Bob Walters, Wytheville, Va.; Gail Wachter, Norfolk, Va.; and Helen Yoho, Durham.

WILSON BUSICK ATTENDS STUDY TOUR

The Reverend Wilson L. Busick, pastor of the Pfafftown United Church of Christ, attended the United Nations-Washington Study Tour, April 26 - May 1. Twenty-eight ministers from seven of the denominations in North Carolina shared in this experience sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches, Committee on National and World Affairs.

Speakers addressing the group on this tour included Dr. Frank Graham, Dr. Kenneth Maxwell, Dr. Herman Reissig, Mr. Kamleshwar Das, Dr. Robert Spike, and Dr. Vernon L. Ferwerda.

A LEGEND OF

THE SENIOR OAK

One of the first assignments of President W. S. Long and his associates in 1889 was the clearing of the land for the erection of the first building. He suggested to the people of the community that if they would clear away the underbrush, they could have the wood for winter use. Returning one day, Dr. Long found that "the woodsmen" had begun on the South side of the campus by cutting down **all** of the trees in this section, as well as clearing away the underbrush. Disturbed by this, he left his young son, Will, to see that the good trees were not destroyed. His instructions were that along with clearing away the underbrush, all the trees should be cut down except those which were tall and straight.

With Will directing them, the people "went to work" as instructed. One day, when they came to a young, very crooked oak, Will, who had a strong sense of beauty, instructed them to leave this tree, for it appeared to him artistic. So this crooked tree was left to grow alongside the tall straight oaks.

When Dr. Long returned to check the progress, he was pleased, though he disapproved of the fact that the young, crooked oak was left. Will told him his reason for leaving the oak, but his father said that he did not want anything crooked on the campus and gave instructions for the tree to be removed.

For some reason, this young, crooked oak was spared the axe. Years later, after the college had been built, the tree became known as **the crooked oak,** and was by that time a tall, sturdy tree. Beneath it Senior Class officers began having their pictures made. It was christened the "Senior Oak." Since then classes have gathered around the Senior Oak for their pictures. Farewells have been said there, and reunions about the old Senior Oak have brought joy to "old timers." Today it still remains a spot on the campus around which there are many beautiful sentiments and even family legends. Few graduates and former students come back to the campus who do not walk under the shadow of this ancient landmark, or who do not cast a lingering and sentimental look at this tree of memories. The silent Senior Oak has become a part of the "Elon Spirit."

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NOTES OF INTEREST

Dr. Hotchkiss A Campus Visitor

Dr. Wesley A. Hotchkiss, New York City, Executive Secretary of the Council for Higher Education, United Church of Christ, was a visitor on the College campus May 17-19.

Elon Examinations Begin May 20

Final examinations at the College begin Friday, May 20th, and will conclude on May 27th. Our best wishes are extended to students and faculty.

W. T. Scott to Speak at St. Mark's

On June 20, Dr. William T. Scott, Director of Church Relations for Elon College, will be the guest speaker at the Memorial Day Service at St. Mark's Reformed United Church of Christ in Burlington. The service will be conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. Lawrence Leonard.

Work At Chikore, Rhodesia

". . . more extensive program will include sending artistically and musically talented students to workshops . . . ."

1964 has seen no really major changes taking place at the Secondary School but many steps forward have been taken. The Chapel should be well underway by the time this letter reaches you and it is "expected to be completed" in late February or early March. A worship committee of students has been formed and is functioning. One of our brightest young men who takes his Cambridge examinations this year is definitely interested in attending seminary. He was among the four young men sent to Epworth Seminary in Salisbury to observe classes, meet the staff and students. A good staff with a sense of concern and unity has built good relationships with the student body at the School even in these difficult political times. Steps have been taken to encourage the discussion of the church between the older and younger generations. No discussions have taken place as yet, but the young people seem willing to enter into these discussions and though the older people are somewhat reluctant we pray that they will be guided into the discussions before too long. The conference requested funds from the United Church Board for World Ministries to match funds from the Mt. Silinda Institute and the Chikore Secondary School for a more extensive religious life program within the schools and institutions. This more extensive program will include sending artistically and musically talented students to workshops in order to encourage them to develop their talents, regular trips each year to Epworth Seminary for students who show interest and abilities in the ministry, work in the development of a hymnal and prayer book to be used at the Schools, the expenses for outstanding African religious leaders in Central Africa for trips to this area so that they can participate in student retreats and work camps, the development of a more meaningful syllabus in the Bible courses which will be built around the Junior Certificate and Cambridge Certificate examinations which the students take.

The Church Renewal and Stewardship Program is well underway. Two retreats have been held and another is planned for January. All churchworkers, pastors, evangelists and school chaplains are enthusiastic about the talks they are having. They are currently working on a statement of faith, which, though it is far from being completed, leads into discussions on all aspects of the Church and Christianity. It is gratifying to see such good spirit in this aspect of the work of the mission. From this all other work of the mission will be nourished.

From: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Harper, Jr., Chikore, Rhodesia

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IRWIN SMALLWOOD — CITY EDITOR

Irvin Smallwood, member of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Greensboro, and Chairman of the Publications Committee for the Southern Convention, has recently been made City Editor for the Greensboro **Daily News.** He formerly served the same publication as Associate Sports Editor and in this capacity received recognition for his writing and reporting.

ON THE EDGE

Salty Christians was used for Bible Study at **Monticello United Church of Christ, Brown Summit,** on April 25 and May 16. This is one of the resources made available through **Program Opportunities For Adults.**

Guest preacher at **Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville** on May 16 will be Rev. Richard N. Rinker. Pastor of the Thomasville Church is Rev. G. Harold Myers, who will be engaged in a preaching mission in Pennsylvania.

On May 23, pulpits will be exchanged between the Rev. Dwight Moore of the **Chuckatuck Oakland Christian Church** and the Reverend Robert Marr, pastor of **Suffolk Christian Church.** This is **Rural Life Sunday.**

Mr. John Biggerstaff, Associate Superintendent at the Elon Home for Children, was guest speaker at the May Family Night Supper of **The Christian Temple,** Norfolk, May 3. The program centered around the Elon Home.

More than 400 persons were present for the service of worship at **Union Ridge United Church of Christ** near Burlington, N. C., on Sunday, May 9th. This was the annual **Homecoming and Mothers' Day Service** for the congregation. Mrs. W. J. Pace was selected as "Mother of the Year." This is the 150th Anniversary Year for the Union Ridge Church. Special services celebrating the 150th Anniversary will be held during the week of November 7-14th.

The May 9 sermon at **Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ** was preached by Mr. Jesse M. Vuncannon in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Odell Powell, who is confined to his bed with a disability.

The Christian Sun is getting more and more pieces of mail from local churches. If your church bulletin isn't being mailed to your Convention publication, we'd be pleased to see it each week.

Central Church, Norfolk, Virginia, surprised the pastor, Rev. Thomas Liverman, on the occasion of his graduation from Southeastern Seminary, with a gift of a very lovely desk. The presentation was made at a Family Night Supper on May 12th.

With more than 65 denominations supporting the **American Bible Society,** almost every community in the United States is participating in its program for distribution of Holy Scriptures throughout the world.

The American Bible Society's Translations Department, together with similar experts in many other Bible Societies, is now providing help to persons translating and revising the Scriptures in more than 500 languages.

National Recreation Workshop

June 1-4, 1965

The Division of Christian Education's Specialized Ministries Department, United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, will sponsor a workshop on recreation for persons beyond high school age who are interested in broad resources for leisure time activities and/or who have leadership responsibilities in this field. Leaders of this workshop will include outstanding recreation authorities from the national scene. This workshop will be held at Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio. Registration forms are available at the Southern Convention office.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

REPORT FOR MAY 10, 1965

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Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 22.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	23.00
Western North Carolina Conference	13.00
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	153.75
Total	$ 211.75

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Special Offerings

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Young Adult Sunday School Class, Union Ridge Cong. Church, Burlington, N. C.	$ 25.00
Immanuel Church Women, Hartford, Connecticut	175.00
Lay Fellowship, Glen Mary and Robbins Cong. Churches, Glen Mary & Robbins, Tennessee	5.00
The Happy Sharer's Club, Greensboro, N. C.	20.00
Society of Church Workers, Ivoryton Cong. Church, Ivoryton, Connecticut	10.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mrs. Mary Stone	
In Memory of Mrs. Edith McPherson Spencer	
In Memory of Miss Effie Lowe (2 memorials)	
In Memory of Mrs. John Swink	
Total Memorial Gifts	70.00
Special Offerings	694.39
Total	$ 999.39

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Total for the Week	$1,211.14

Extra-Curricular Activities

May 10, 1965

Dear Friends:

We have been quite pleased over the interest our boys and girls have taken in extra curricular activities. We are in particular pleased with the response that the students and faculty have shown to our boys and girls; especially in high school.

Recently, Ronnie Skipper, a rising Senior at Western Alamance High School (where all of our high school students attend school) was elected President of the Student Council. This was quite a honor and one for which we are most proud. Ronnie is an outstanding student and, apparently, is very well liked by the students at Western High.

We were most happy to have Bobby Byrd receive an award recently for the most outstanding member of the track team. This year Bobby won a total of 67 points for the team. His specialty is the 440. He also runs the high hurdles as well as participating in the high jump.

We were also quite proud of the fact that our own son, Wesley, this year was President of the Junior Class. As such he had considerable responsibilities for the Junior-Senior Prom which was held on May 14. He also, this year, received a trophy as the most improved basketball player for the varsity team.

All three of these boys are good students scholastically as well as participating in extra curricular activities. We are very proud of the fact that those who are related to our Home not only receive benefits but give and support the school program in such a way that they are an asset to the total program.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

As We Drink Iced Tea
With The Rhodesian Mission

". . . feel that much more remains to be done."

Among the large farms that abound in the immediate area around Mount Silinda, there are four tea estates where some twenty-five hundred children of varying ages are employed. In exchange for their labor, they receive room, board, clothing, books and education through Standard VI. Two religious programs are conducted on these four tea estates, one which is run by our mission, and the other which is conducted by a Roman Catholic mission.

My program started in February of 1964 when I traveled to each one of these tea estates in company with Mr. Eric Dahle who was able to introduce me to the teachers in each school, as well as to the tea estate managers. During the previous year there had been no program by our mission at all, due to political disturbances that occurred in 1962.

During the remainder of the year I was able to make a total of seven visits to each tea estate to conduct morning worship, followed by a meeting with the children in what is called a "Christian Youth Fellowship." The average attendance at our services and meetings ranges between fifty and a hundred depending on weather conditions and holidays.

I find that I enjoy the friendly enthusiasm that is manifested by both teachers and students, but I also feel that much more remains to be done. For instance, one way to assess a program such as this is to see to what extent it is self-propelling, i. e. will programs be planned and executed even when someone like myself does not do so? Attempts to get the groups to plan and conduct their own programs from week to week have met with only occasional and limited success. To help us carry on the existing programs and to expand the work to new areas, we ask your continued financial support of **Our Christian World Mission,** and after reaching the Basic Support Goal, go on to a Second Mile Special.

From: The Reverend Herbert Perry
Rhodesia, Africa

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Despite record-breaking commercial production of the Bible in English, nearly four-fifths of the world's population is dependent upon Bible societies for Scriptures in their own languages, reports the **American Bible Society.**

Latin American Bible distribution began in 1818 in Buenos Aires and by the end of the 19th Century, the **American Bible Society** had offices in Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Mexico City, Havana and Caracas. Distribution of Holy Scriptures in Latin America today runs second only to the United States.

Installation For James D. Rumley At South Norfolk

An Installation Service for Reverend James D. Rumley, Jr. as pastor of the South Norfolk United Church of Christ (Congregational Christian) was held Sunday evening March 28, 1965 at 7:30 o'clock.

The call to worship, Invocation and Statement of Faith were directed by Reverend Dwight Moore, Pastor of Oakland United Church of Christ, Chuckatuck, Virginia; followed by The Gloria Patri.

Reverend Olive Daniel Poythress, Pastor emeritus of South Norfolk Church sang a solo "The Christ of Every Crisis." The scripture from the book of Acts 5th Chapter 17-25 verses was read by Reverend Carl Wallace, Pastor of First United Church of Christ, Newport News. The anthem "Psalm 150" was rendered by the senior choir of the church with Miss Gladys Hanbury, organist.

The sermon entitled **The Message and The Messenger** was delivered by Dr. Frank R. Hamilton, Pastor of The Christian Temple, Norfolk. This was a powerful and challenging sermon befitting the minister and laity. The church has a message to proclaim the gospel of Christ; it is our job to do its work and leave the results to God. The consecration hymn was "Lord Speak to Me."

Reverend Robert B. Marr, President of the Eastern Virginia Conference and pastor of Suffolk United Church of Christ, presented the moderator's statement and conducted the Act of Installation as dedication between the Minister-elect and members of the congregation. The Prayer of Installation was offered by Reverend Carroll Lewis, Pastor of Rosemont United Church of Christ.

The charge to the minister was given by Reverend John Lackey, Pastor of Bay View United Church of Christ and Chairman of the Conference Committee on The Ministry, who reminded the minister of his duties to God, to the members of the congregation and to his family, also to himself.

Reverend Bill Simmons, Virginia Field Secretary of the United Church of Christ, in turn gave the charge to the people to be faithful in love and loyalty. It was they who had called this man to be the under shepherd of the flock.

The right hand of fellowship was extended by Reverend Robert B. Marr in behalf of the conference and Mr. Clarence N. Harris, Chairman of the Official Board in behalf of South Norfolk Church.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. James Rumley, Jr.

Immediately following the service, there was a reception in the social hall where members and guests were received by Mrs. Coleman V. Hargrove, President of the Women's Fellowship; Reverend and Mrs. Rumley and their two children James III and Caroline; Miss Helen Rumley of Alexandria, Virginia, sister of Reverend Rumley, and a friend, Miss Jo Bost.

The service was attended by a number of people from churches in the local community as well as those from other churches of the Eastern Virginia Conference.

Participants in the Installation service for the Rev. James Rumley at the South Norfolk United Church of Christ on March 28 were, from left to right: Rev. John Lackey, Rev. O. D. Poythress, Mr. Clarence Harris, Rev. James Rumley, Jr., Rev. Dwight Moore, Rev. Frank Hamilton, and Rev. Robert Marr.

Women's Fellowship Program

SOUTH NORFOLK BIBLE REVIEW

Mrs. Leroy Ober of Norfolk, Virginia, gave a "Review of the Bible" in South Norfolk Church Sunday evening, May 16th, at 7:30 o'clock.

After an introduction of the Bible as a book of books and its eternal truths, her Review touched on God as Creator, Moses and the Law, Amos and his concern for righteousness and justice, Hosea and his great love, Isaiah and his prophecy of the messiah, Jesus—cradle to calvary, and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

This program was sponsored by the Women's Fellowship. There were many in attendance from our Rosemont Church and other churches in the community.

Mrs. Coleman Hargrove, President of the Women's Fellowship presided, and Mrs. W. B. Evans, a past president of the Fellowship offered the evening prayer.

A NEW FILMSTRIP

On Being Different

The Audio-Visual Library of the Southern Conference has added **On Being Different,** a color filmstrip, 40 frames with leadership guide. The purposes of the filmstrip are:

1. To develop the theme that each individual has worth and dignity in his own right.
2. To discuss the inevitable clashes between personal desires and group values.
3. To point out illustrations of people who have had the courage to speak out against unjust but popular ideas; people who have risked their own popularity to condemn injustices.
4. To illustrate the advantages and disadvantages of conforming to group standards of behaviour.
5. To show how being different affects the development of a "personal" self and a "social" self.

This resource is for use with high schoolers and adults. It may be obtained at no charge for use in local churches. Return postage is paid by the user. Please book well in advance of showing date. The address is Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

On A Ledge

Almost everyone has found, or will find, a spot somewhere where the creative power of God thrusts in upon the senses in an inescapable testimony to His majesty. During the coming months, the finding of such a place will be within the experiences of many vacationers.

There is such a place for everyone. We need only to see the scenes at which we gaze. We need to cleanse our minds of the cluttering minutae of living in patterns and by clocks. The soul-enriching discovery of a wonderfully creative God awaits those who can free themselves, even for a short while, from the constraining bonds of traffic lights, tin cans, detergents, TV, high-fi, and automobiles.

At the southeastern side of the White Mountains in New Hampshire, there is a comparatively small mountain seemingly created for soon-tired, short-winded city folks. Not quite at the top, on one rocky side slope, there is a comfortably-situated ledge on which a dozen or so climbers can pause. Black carbon patches on the broad rocks suggest campers and fires and slightly-burned, but somehow tasty, hot dogs and hamburgers. Many a sleeping bag must have softened the angles and hardness of the ledge for tired explorers.

Looking out over the ledge, projecting high over the dark green and gently flexing trees below, the observer has a display of mountains before him impressively named for some of our nation's presidents. Above them all, though visually lower than those nearest, is Mt. Washington, more than six thousand feet high of rock, evergreens, ravines, and the noises of streams and unseen creatures.

A kind of purplish haze lingers around the distant peaks. Some wear halos of clouds. For some, the halos become obscuring, cottony blankets. The silent, dignified and supremely majestic monuments of an order which includes enduring beauty.

All around are the unidentifiable sounds of creatures contentedly pursuing their instinctive ways. Tolerant of plodding and noisy visitors, they forbearingly stop only briefly as intruders pass nearby. Then, as though part of a divine symphony, they resume their choruses.

Shadows move over the forests stretched out below as the changing patterns in the sky send obstacles temporarily between the sun and earth. Lengthening, blueblack probes begin marking the arrival of the sun's light on far distant places, while dusk gracefully encloses the awesome remnants of a creative power beyond the comprehension of mortal minds.

Prayerfully and reverently do we need to respond to our own particular spots where we have found God. In the refreshing knoweldge that He has provided for such beauty and majesty, we are better able to witness to His creative love.

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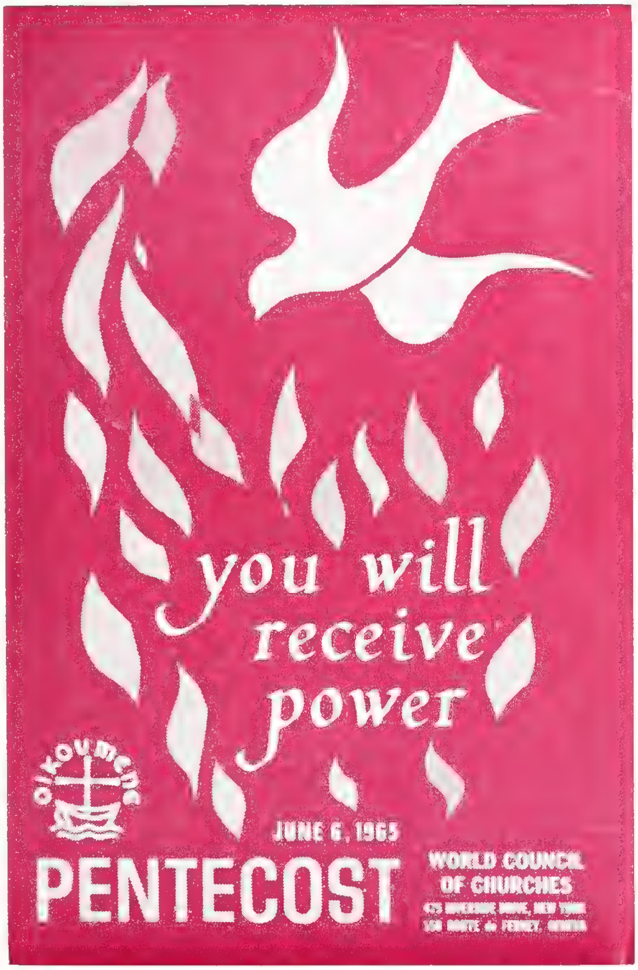

A Canticle For Pentecost

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.

Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of Thy grace.

Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where Thou art Guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son
And Thee, of both to be but One;

That through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song;

Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

/KJ

Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him.

/RSV

Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, in order to have your sins forgiven; then you will receive the gift of the holy Spirit. For the promise of it belongs to you and your children, as well as to all those far away whom the Lord our God calls to him.

/Goodspeed

GREAT HOLY GHOST RALLIES, DOUBLE PORTION SERVICES, MIRACLES, GIFTS OF THE SPIRITS IN OPERATION. If Peter had had newspapers during his ministry, undoubtedly pentecostal events following that first one would have had better attendance. Ads similar to the one cited above currently appear in our papers regularly. Apparently there are enough Christians responding to make such ads worthwhile.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is a life-changing, enduring addition to the purposeful existence we call life. Though it involves the emotions, since our emotions are important parts of our humanity, the coming of the gift of the Spirit goes far beyond a temporary emotional outburst. It permeates the whole of life, and life is more than emotions.

Intellectual growth is required as the gift is given. Growth as we recognize the responsibilities such a gift brings. It urges us to an active witness—both in telling and doing. It creates depth and breadth in our lives—not narrowness or distortions. It helps us mature in ways which give our souls room to stretch.

The Origins Of Pentecost

The Christian Pentecost had its origin when the Christian community of Jerusalem (120 people) gathered together, fifty days after the resurrection, to celebrate an age-old religious festival. At that time, according to the second chapter of the Book of Acts, the Holy Spirit which Jesus had promised His followers, descended upon them, and some 3,000 converts were made to faith in Christ.

Many historians date from that event the beginning of the Christian Church, and in particular, its sense of world-wide mission and responsibility. It is a time of renewal and revitalization, a time of promise fulfilled and of setting out to share this good news with all one's fellow-men, even in the furthest parts of the earth.

Pentecost is probably the most ancient religious festival which we celebrate today. In the early Jewish calendar, Pentecost, or the Feast of Weeks, was dedicated to gratitude to God for the gift of Noah of the "Covenant" (involving the regular and orderly sequence of events in the physical universe—seedtime and harvest). Later, Pentecost became associated with the giving of the Law to Moses at Mount Sinai. While most other Jewish festivals were just for their own community, this one paid a great deal of attention to including the stranger, or those of other faiths, who happened to be in the home or community at the time.

Pentecost Sunday comes seven weeks (50 days) after Easter. In the Eastern Orthodox churches, which use a different calendar for figuring their church year, Pentecost like Easter is usually celebrated a week or more later than in the western churches, though they sometimes coincide.

Quite A Record!

CHURCH FINANCE ADVISORY SERVICE

The Church Finance Advisory Service of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries helped raise $1,996,402 during the first four months of 1965 for building fund projects of local churches, according to John E. Morse, chairman of the church building and finance department of the Board. This amount exceeded by $232,652 the goal set for 36 fund raising projects throughout the country in which staff members of the Service participated.

Family Night At Cypress Chapel

The Women's Fellowship of the Cypress Chapel Christian Church, Suffolk, held its annual Family Night Supper on May 2. Following the supper, a worship service was led by the pastor, Rev. James C. Monroe, who shared the topic, "The Church Meeting Human Needs." A special trio provided music for the service.

The Christian Sun

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FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

Renewal Is Taking Place

I am convinced that renewal is taking place in the life of the church. Faithful pastors and a committed laity are seeking the power of the Holy Spirit. **The institutional church is seeking to become a witnessing community.**

I am convinced that God's Holy Spirit is at work among the churches. Critics of the institutional church have forced us to reexamine the institutional church and seek a vitality of witness. More than 60 churches of the United Church of Christ in our area are involved in the Mission on Renewal and Evangelism.

Supportive evidence for my thesis has been demonstrated in activities of churches and pastors over the past several months. My thesis was further strengthened in the events of a recent Sunday:

9:30 A. M.—Confirmation Service for 34 persons at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Greensboro, N. C., where Rev. Thomas J. C. Smythe is Rector. Many will remember Mr. Smythe as a graduate of Elon College and as a student supply in a number of our churches in this area.

Following the most impressive Confirmation Service, Bishop Thomas A. Fraser gave a short meaningful sermon. Bishop Fraser said that **all the rites, ceremonies, and activities of the church, including confirmation are meaningless unless the individual believes in God.** He declared that God is the source of all aliveness; God is available and always there; God is always dependable; and God is always loving. God loves the lovable and the unlovable, and we cannot keep God from loving us. Reconciliation takes place when man returns God's love.

11:00 A. M.—I had the privilege of being with Rev. Melvin Palmer at Peace United Church of Christ for the morning service. Peace Church is involved in the Mission on Renewal and Evangelism. Mr. Palmer's sermon dealt with the problem of "How does a Church Move from Being Concerned with Maintaining Itself as an Institution, Out into the World as a Witness for Jesus Christ." Printed copies of the sermon were distributed to worshippers, who were invited to gather in the Church on the following Tuesday to discuss the concern and and seek answers. Mr. Palmer declared that the Church had been given marching orders and called to witness. We need to overcome our haziness as to what it means to be a witness for Jesus Christ. We must first receive the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome our embarrassment for witnessing. The Church is called on to establish the Kingdom of God in society, and one of the greatest handicaps to overcome is the reconciliation that needs to take place between God and man and man with man.

This pastor and congregation are truly seeking to be a Witnessing Community.

7:30 P. M.—I was privileged to be a part of the Service of Installation for Rev. John D. Schofield as pastor of Palm Street United Church of Christ. Sharing in the service were: Rev. Winfred Bray, Dr. W. J. Andes, Dr. W. E. Wisseman, Dr. O. Herschel Folger, Mr. Curtis Brady, and others of the host Church. One of the members remarked that a Service of Installation for a pastor was a new experience for the Palm Street congregation. The meaning of the church and her ministry seemed to become more real, according to several persons present. Rev. and Mrs. John Schofield and the Palm Street congregation also seek to be a witnessing community for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Perhaps the negative kind of criticism of the institutional church has **finally led us to seek the moving of the Holy Spirit in our personal lives and our corporate lives** as members of a local congregation of the United Church of Christ. May God grant that this moving of His Holy Spirit among us increase with accelerated force and power!

BREAKTHROUGH — EDUCATION IN MISSION

This autumn the United Church of Christ will participate in a dramatic new program that is expected to have far-reaching consequences in our entire denomination's understanding of a relevant Christian mission in the midst of an ever-changing twentieth-century world.

The new program, which is to be known as **Breakthrough** and which has been initiated by the Stewardship Council, is described in detail in the May-June issue of **Task Force,** the Stewardship Council's bi-monthly publication addressed to leaders of all congregations.

Breakthrough seeks to involve the entire denomination in a realistic thrust into the frontiers of urgent mission.

"What we did a decade ago or to which we put our hands last year is not sufficient for the years ahead," President Ben M. Herbster has said, in support of the new program. "The United Church of Christ dare not be found wanting in its effort to carry on the mission in every area of life and in every corner of the world . . . . One of the burdens that weighs most heavily upon our hearts is that during the last few years we have not been able to increase our work as we should."

As a part of the over-all program of **Breakthrough,** the Budget Committee of the General Synod will present to that body in Chicago this July a proposal for a new and important increase in our gifts to the national and overseas mission work of the denomination.

The amount of the proposed increase has been set at $1,000,000 for the year 1966, and the fund will be specifically earmarked for meeting urgent needs over and above those met through the Basic Support of **Our Christian World Mission.** These goals are to be known as **Target Ahead,** and they range from the needs of the poverty-stricken within our own nation to the needs of the famine-stricken throughout the world, from the needs for expanding education programs for training leaders of the new nations of Africa to the needs here at home for new and more relevant ministries.

This coming autumn, as the first major thrust of **Breakthrough,** a new and unusual Every-Church Visitation will take place within the churches of the Southern Convention. By means of this visitation congregational leaders will have the opportunity to learn of the new thrusts of **Target Ahead** and of the important implications of the entire program for the advancement of our mission efforts both locally and world-wide.

Visitors are now being enlisted within our Convention. The visitors will be trained in a training session immediately prior to the actual visitaton, which is scheduled for September 12-19.

World Council Pentecost Message

Churches in the Southern Convention will join with other churches around the world in observing June 6 as Pentecost or Whitsunday.

The Pentecost message issued by the presidents of the World Council of Churches will be read in many languages in the 214 Protestant, Anglican and Eastern Orthodox churches with members in 90 countries and territories.

Pentecost Sunday comes fifty days after Easter. In the Eastern Orthodox churches, which use a different calendar for figuring their church year, Pentecost like Easter is usually celebrated a week or more later than in western churches, though they sometimes coincide. In 1965 the Eastern Orthodox Pentecost will be June 13.

"You Will Receive Power" is the theme of the message issued by the presidium of the World Council of Churches on this occasion in the Christian calendar, when the descent of the Holy Spirit is commemorated. The president's message states that present-day Christians are more like First Century worshippers than those of the 19th Century because "very many Christians today live scattered in small groups, minorities without political power."

"The Church today is losing much of the power that it had when it was an accepted and honored part of the established order," they assert, "but God has never cancelled the promise or withdrawn the gift He gave at Pentecost. That power is always available to the Church which wants it enough to pay the price. The price is to be made utterly one with the Lord Jesus Christ — one with His humiliation in order to be one with His victory."

Liberation from the limitations imposed by established earthly power is reopening the church to the power given at Pentecost. The WCC presidents define the power as "the power to believe and to help others to believe, power to hope without wavering to the end, power to love to the limit, power to make peace, to work for justice and reconciliation between men. It is the power of the coming Kingdom given to us now. It is the pledge of glory and it is offered to all who ask."

Signing the message are the six presidents: Archbishop Iakovos, Greek Orthodox primate of North and South America, New York; Sir Francis Ibiam, governor of the Eastern Region of Nigeria and a leading Presbyterian Layman, Enugu, Nigeria; Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, London; Principal David Moses of Bishop College, Nagpur, India, Church of Northern India and Pakistan; Dr. Martin Niemoeller, former president of the Evangelical Church of Hesse-Nassau, Wiesbaden, Germany; and Charles C. Parlin, New York lawyer and Methodist layman. The honorary president, Dr. Joseph H. Oldham, ecumenical pioneer, St. Leonards-on-Sea, United Kingdom, also signed the message.

Fifty Years Service for Frank Apple

NEW PARSONAGE AT HENDERSON FIRST

Homecoming and the Consecration Service for the new parsonage of the First Congregational Christian Church (UCC) of Henderson were held on Sunday, May 30. The morning worship service was in honor of the Rev. J. Frank Apple, commemorating his fiftieth year in the pastoral ministry. Mr. Apple was pastor of the First Church for nineteen years and currently serves churches in the Henderson area.

Ten Months Isn't Long

By William J. Andes

From November, 1964, to September, 1965, sounds long but it really isn't. In fact, it is a short time for us in the proposed Southern Conference area of the United Church of Christ. We must not only cross denominational lines but also state lines, regional lines, and racial lines.

Last November we were still strangers and, in many ways, many of us are still strangers. Boards and Committees of the Southern Convention knew little of the work, program, and personnel of the Southern Synod and of the Convention of the South. Since November the co-ordinators of various committees have been getting committees together and a measure of acquaintanceship is developing. Still, the members of our local churches who aren't on committees are strangers to those in local churches of other judicatories.

We need to know each other. When people do not know each other, fear and distrust arise and they become suspicious of each other. This makes it difficult to complete the organization of the Southern Conference. This hinders the proper location of a Conference office. This lessens proper giving to our Christian World Mission.

These ten months have revealed how unprepared we are for the new Southern Conference. The Steering Committe's report, on Constitution and By-Laws and their recommendations, showed a tremendous amount of work having been done and a beautifully developed organization. This must now be reduced to a working organization and a practical reality. Publications and program, staff and service must fit the budget and the interest of all concerned.

Ten months should give us time to heed the beck and call of the Holy Spirit. We have been so intent on organization and structure and we have felt the push of our sister conferences across the nation to get on with the job. Have we really felt the urging of God's Holy Spirit to a greater dedication of life within our churches and among our people?

Ten months should bring us to a delightful moment in September when we can get off the ground with the new Southern Conference and into the "cost and joy of discipleship" in the United Church of Christ.

American Bible Society

DYNAMIC ENCOUNTER

The American Bible Society decided, after careful thought, to display Op Art in relation to contemporary Scripture formats and translations. Just as the artists of today are seeking new dimensions and a new outlook in their field, so the American Bible Society is constantly seeking bold, creative, colorful and imaginative new formats and translations to lead more and more people, many hitherto unfamiliar or bored with the Scriptures, to search the Bible for God's Word for this new age.

The American Bible society does not expect to become a headquarters for Op Art on the corner of 57th Street and Park Avenue, nor does it at the moment have plans to use this current art form on covers of its paperback editions; however, it is responsive to the thrust of this new medium. Is there any relevance to the Bible in these displays? The American Bible Society is hopeful that the viewer will sense a relationship between contemporary color dynamics and the concern of the American Bible Society to put attractive, easy-to-read Scriptures into every Christian home, into the hands of every new literate, and into the languages of people everywhere.

N. C. & Va. P. F. Retreat

During the weekend of May 22-23 the North Carolina and Virginia Conference **Spring Rally** was held at the Moonelon camp site. The attendance for the overnight stay was below expectation but "good things come in small packages"! In all nearly twenty-five young people and adults came for the weekend retreat.

The theme for the Rally was **The Highest in Low Places** with excerpts from **A Vision Of Sir Launfal** by James Russell Lowell as a study guide.

Registration was from 2:00 to 3:00 o'clock, followed by the General Assembly. Then the group broke into three discussion groups which would discuss various parts of the poem by Lowell.

A Vision of Sir Launfal is a poem concerned with, of course Sir Launfal and his vision. Sir Launfal takes upon himself the task of finding the Holy Grail. As he leaves his castle in the vision he is met by a leper who is a very horrible sight. Launfal throws him a coin in "scorn" but the leper refuses it. In the discussion groups the young people tried to determine who the leper might be, what the Holy Grail may represent, Sir Launfal's character at the beginning of his journey, and the moral behind the first section of the poem.

After a short break the discussion groups met again to talk about the second part of the poem which involved Sir Launfal's return, his second meeting with the leper, and the discovery that the leper is really Christ. During this time the groups discussed the change in Sir Launfal that had taken place since he left his castle many years before, his new attitude and disposition, and the general purpose and meaning of the poem. There were many different opinions about the imagery of this poem which shows that it must have been a good discussion topic.

After more free time a snack supper was held. It was composed of sandwiches and other food brought by the retreaters. This was followed by Vespers which was given by the Conference officer Cathy Carter and others.

Later during the evening the retreaters had the privilege of hearing a girl from **Ceylon** speak on her native country. She explained the status of young people in Ceylon, the different races there, various religions, marriage rites, and the cast system in Ceylon. Her talk proved to be very interesting as well as educational. Many young people had questions for her. One very interesting aspect of Ceylonese culture is their marriage. The boy and girl must never see each other until the very day of the wedding when they first view each other in a mirror. The marriages are many times arranged by marriage brokers who receive a certain commission. This was just one of the many interesting things Selvi Selia had to say.

Next on the agenda was recreation in the form of a **hootenanny** led by a visiting singing group. After they had sung for a good while the young people danced or congregated or played ping pong. Last event of the day was the friendship circle in which "Taps" was sung and Reverend W. J. Andes of the Elon C.C.C. led us in prayer.

8:00 Sunday morning 21½ weary retreaters rose to eat a fine breakfast prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Veasey and the rest of the cooking staff. Then the young people walked over to Vesper Hill to observe Morning Watch. The service was presented by Rick Kimball and Harold Pollard of the First Church of Burlington.

Next the Southern Convention Officers, Noel Allen and Rick Kimball, presented a film strip entitled **How Wide Is Our Circle?** It concerned a small Pilgrim Fellowship which seemed to be turning into a party club with no real meaning to it. Then it tells how the group took on a new look as it began to work and share for Christ, thus it became a Fellowship. After the filmstrip there was discussion.

At 11:00 they had the **Morning Worship Service** which was composed of different parts prepared and presented by the different discussion groups. Also included was a play called **The Faith Hawker.**

Following lunch and a break the N.C.-Va. Conference Rally was held. Thirty-five P.F.'ers were in attendance. **The elections for next year's conference officers were held.** They were as follows: **Harold Pollard,** president; **Charles Terrell,** Vice-President; **Diane Mensel,** Secretary; **Judy Rhodes,** Treasurer; Commission chairmen: **Rick Kimball,** Faith; **Martha Fenn,** Action; **Nancy Alexander,** Fellowship. The group decided to donate $200 to Operation Icebreaker and pay its 1963-64 apportionment. It also voted unanimously to keep **Miss Blanche Warren** as its advisor. After the business Mr. Vernon Culpepper of Walter M. Wiliams High School in Burlingotn spoke on the weekend theme — **The Highest in Low Places.** In his speech he mentioned that many times the young leaders were the targets of many pressures but that they must be supported.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

Raleigh District P. F. Meets

Sunday, May 23, the young people from six churches in the Raleigh District met at the Amelia Church to discuss the possibility of reforming the district (which had not met in the past years) and future rallies.

First Miss Frankie Penny, president of the Amelia P.F., introduced Mr. Rinker (whom we all know) who spoke on forming and improving Pilgrim Fellowships. He mentioned that officers should be elected on ability rather than popularity, that programs should be planned at least three months in advance, that the Fellowship should act as "Pilgrims", and that advisors are very important. In further explanation he said that is was best to get two, a man and woman or husband and wife. To obtain them he suggested that the group choose the most favorable couple and send a delegation to them to explain why they were wanted.

Following Mr. Rinker, Convention V.P. Noel Allen spoke very briefly on Operation Icebreaker, apportionments and Camp Moonelon.

Then Frankie Penny asked the group what they thought of another district Rally. A short discussion provided a generally favorable opinion. However "Rev" stepped in with a suggestion to reform the three districts (Raleigh, Henderson, and Sanford) into the Eastern North Carolina Conference. After a little more discussion the group was very anxious to renew the conference method. This is a truly promising step in that since the Eastern N. C. Conference divided into districts it has stalled to nearly stopping. It was decided that each of the six churches would appoint a representative from its group to serve as an officer. This group met with Rev. and Noel and the selection of officers was made. **Frankie Penny** (Amelia) was president; **Betty Fuquay** (Wentworth) vice-president; **Carol Holleman** (Wake Chapel), secretary-treasurer; and **Debbie Carnes** (Morrisville), **Billy Jones** (Auburn), **Pat Barbour** (Clayton) were members at large. These six will plan their next rally and also meet with the officers of the Henderson and Sanford districts to discuss the reformation of the Eastern N. C. Conference. This meeting will be held at the Southern Convention and Conference P.F. Officers' Retreat next fall.

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WORD FROM OUR MISSION

A Couple Of Christians

**"But what can I do?
I am only a layman!"**

We are firmly convinced that the Church, be it here in Japan, or in America, can never grow without strong dedication, sacrificial giving, and wholehearted effort on the part of each layman.

Let us give you one example of what a layman (or perhaps we should say, a laycouple) can do. Eighty years ago, in the village of Niiharu in northern Gumma Ken, a man named Mr. Umezawa was baptized. He worked hand in hand with his pastor, won over a dozen converts, and helped to build a church in his village, a community of only forty families. His grandson, Kiyokichi Umezawa, was also baptized there, but at the age of twenty went to America to live and work. After fifty years, he and his wife returned to Japan for a visit, but were surprised, upon visiting his old home town, to find no trace of the church, nor of any Christians. The converts had all reverted to Buddhism.

Mr. Umezawa very much regretted this. He had just retired from his teaching post with the Agricultural College of New York. He and his wife, after much prayer and deliberation (at the age of seventy-one, mind you) decided to settle down here permanently. They considered America to be the most civilized and richest country of the world. It had been home to them for fifty years. If they were to remain there, they would be able to see their children and grandchildren any time. Yet they hesitated only because of the strong opposition of their children. Finally, trusting in Gods' constant care and grace, they came back to Japan five years ago to carry out their plans.

Mr. Umezawa's father, a Buddhist, had inherited and spent a large fortune. Being his father's only child, Mr. Umezawa now inherited what was left—an old house and a small farm. First he had the house rebuilt. Then he got together a library to provide books for the people of the village. They opened their doors so the neighbors who had no television sets, could watch theirs. Then they began a Sunday School. At first about thirty children came, mostly out of curiosity. Then, more and more children began to come, some walking several miles along the muddy, or dusty country roads. Within a year, the number had increased to eighty, and the house had become too small. Since then, they have borrowed the Kominkan (Community Center) each Sunday, and some two hundred and sixty children gather there. A minister from a distant church goes there once a month to speak to the children, to preach to the adults, and to baptize the converts. At this date, Mr. Umezawa is hoping and praying that he can see the building of a meeting house, the organization of a congregation, and the call of a pastor. Surely this example of lay evangelism is unparalleled here in Japan, or in America for that matter, and should be an inspiration to those who resignedly say, "But what can I do? I am **only** a layman!"

From: **The Rev. Herbert Beecken,** Japan

HORIZONS

By Mrs. W. W. Sloan

(Meditations from a trans-atlantic plane, awed by bigness of sky and earth.)

Most of us might prefer not to be bothered by bigness, but rather to be limited to our own cozy, safe backyard; thrilling to our own little personal sunrises and moons; planting, hoping, harvesting in our diminutive garden plots; unruffled by either nuclear or racial explosions.

These simple things are so warmly satisfying, so good, so deeply right, so reassuring. But the sun which rises out of the east, the moon which sets beyond the Pacific, are not contained by boundaries, have no respect for fences. The impulse of seed toward leaf and fruit is the same in our own moist earth—or in the furrowed hearts of folk who are ready for freedom.

Some prefer dolls and beebee guns. Some thrill to home and family. Some see work to be done, reach out their hands across the fences—across the world—to those who will do the job with them.

It is not enough to enjoy our own inherited freedoms. It is not enough to be good housewives, to bring up our children right and make our husband comfortable, to sew straight seams, or make straight rows in the garden. It is also necessary to straighten the crooked ways and make the deserts bloom, to strengthen the feeble knees and set the captives free.

**Remember To Return Your Reply
For the EVERY CHURCH VISITATION
Date At Your Church**

— From India —

**"Next to the well was a large pile of quarried
stones that represented a dream . . . ."**

"O Lord, make haste to take us away,
For our days are full of trouble;
Yet thou art our father and our mother;
Thou alone hast given us life, and we are thine."

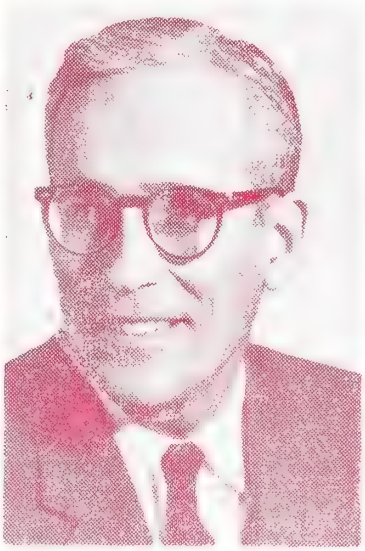
So sang one of our village bands as we sat on a crude country cot as guests of honor, in front of the little collection of mud huts, just before Christmas. Surely, a strange Christmas message!

Back of us there was the community well that provides them with the water so essential to life and health and comfort in a hot, dry land like our part of India. A few years ago they had rebuilt it with the help of our Vadala Agricultural Extension. To that extent we had been able to help with some of their "troubles"! But even more significant to me, next to the well was a large pile of quarried stones that represented a dream, the dream of a little stone church of their own, that some day soon they hope to build.

From: The Rev. and Mrs. Winfield Q. Swart
Vadala Mission, Maharashtra State, India

Dr. H. H. Cunningham To Leave Elon College

Accepts Georgia U. Post



Dr. H. H. Cunningham, chairman of the department of history and social science at Elon College since 1952, has resigned his post at Elon to accept a new appointment as professor of Southern history at the University of Georgia.

In making announcement of Dr. Cunningham's resignation Dr. J. E. Danieley, Elon's president, said, "We regret to lose the services of Dr. Cunningham. He is an excellent scholar, an outstanding teacher and a Christian gentleman. He and his family have made an invaluable contribution to the college and community at large. His appointment to the professorship at the University of Georgia speaks well for him and for Elon College, and we wish him well in his new assignment."

Dr. Cunningham, who is a native of Indiana, is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College and holds both the Master's and Ph. D. degrees from the University of North Carolina. After teaching briefly in North Carolina public schools, he was an instructor at both N. C. State and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill prior to joining the Elon College faculty in 1952.

At Elon he has been chairman of the department of history and social science and also served as dean of the college from 1957 until 1961. While at Elon he has been very active in both church and community affairs and has served on a number of statewide boards and commissions in the field of history.

He has been president of the laymen's organization in both the North Carolina-Virginia Conference and the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches and has served as a member of the board of commissioners of the town of Elon College.

After gaining wide recognition for his book, "Doctors in Gray," a history of Confederate medicine that was published in 1958, he has been widely sought as a speaker for cultural groups. He served as a member of the state commissions for observance of both the Carolina Tercentenary and the Civil War Centennial and has been active in the work of historical societies at both state and southwide levels.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Elon Art Group Wins 22 Awards

Prof. Edwin Daniel and students of his Elon College art department won a total of twenty two awards for work in the various art media during the recent Alamance County Arts and Crafts Festival, which was held in Burlington from May 7th through May 9th.

Professor Daniel himself received no less than eight awards for his works in drawing, painting and print making, while Lora Elder brought back seven awards, Laura Rice four, Vickie Overman two and Arden Taylor one.

Dr. L. E. Smith Hospitalized

Friends of Dr. Leon Edgar Smith, President Emeritus of Elon College, will regret to learn that Dr. Smith suffered a broken right arm on May 20th in Norfolk. He is a patient at the Norfolk General Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia. His friends will wish for him a speedy and complete recovery.

CALEB D. WEST, PROMINENT LAYMAN

Caleb D. West, Newport News, Va., businessman and long time leader in our first church of Newport News, died at his home on May 21st at the age of 89. A member of a distinguished family originally from Spring Hill Church, near Waverly, Virginia, which included brothers: the late J. E. West, Lt. Governor of Virginia and the late Judge Jesse S. West, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals. They were all active in their local church work and in the work of the Southern Convention. Mr. "Caleb" had been a businessman and banker in Newport News since 1898. He was a staunch supporter of all of the good work of our First Church at Newport News.

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Scholarships for Ministerial Students

Beginning in the fall of 1965, ministerial scholarship aid for students preparing for the ministry in college or seminary will be provided through the Council for Church and Ministry, 287 Park Ave., South, New York, N. Y. 10010. Ministerial students from churches of the Southern Convention are reminded that the scholarship aid is available.

Ministerial students from the Southern Convention who are either in Care of Conference or Licensed, are eligible for ministerial scholarship help. Such persons eligible should make their need and request known to the Chairmen of the Committees on the Ministry of the several Conferences.

Chairmen of Committees on the Ministry for the Conferences are as follows:

N. C. & Va.—Dr. W. J. Andes, Box 625, Elon College, N. C.

Western N. C.—Dr. F. C. Lester, 1113 N. Rotary Dr., High Point, N. C.

Eastern N. C.—Rev. A. M. Campbell, 1910 Lyon Road, Fayetteville, N. C.

Eastern Virginia—Rev. John R. Lackey, 1041 Bayview Blvd., Norfolk, Va.

Application forms have been mailed to eligible students.

ON THE EDGE

Homecoming and Memorial Day Services were held at the **Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ** near Ramseur, North Carolina, on Sunday, May 23rd. The Church was crowded and some were unable to find seats in the main sanctuary. A most delicious meal was served in the church Fellowship Hall. Rev. Frank Apple, a former pastor of the Church, was the speaker for the occasion.

Homecoming and Memorial Day Services were held at the **Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ** near Gibsonville, North Carolina, on Sunday, May 23rd. Attendance was estimated at 700, with more than 600 remaining for the fellowship luncheon. Rev. Odell Powell is pastor of the Church.

The Seagrove Christian Church, Seagrove, North Carolina, will combine its Homecoming and Memorial Service with a Golden Anniversary celebration of the founding of the Church on Sunday, June 13, 1965, at 11:00 A. M. The Church was organized in 1915, and is celebrating its Golden Anniversary year. Superintendent Clyde L. Fields will be the speaker for the service.

The Junior Department Choir of the **First Christian Church (UCC) in Burlington** participated in the Burlington Choir Festival on May 23 at the Front Street Methodist Church. Director and organist for the group is Miss Melinda Webster.

The American Bible Society, which begins its 150th year in May 1965, has since 1816 actively aided publication and distribution of Scriptures in 1,232 languages and dialects.

Materials Available At Summer Conference

Materials for use in local women's groups for 1965-66 will be available at the Summer Conference at Catawba College. The filler for the **Program Opportunities for Adults** notebook (1965-66) will be $2.75. Complete notebook will be $4.25. Extra copies of the booklet of worship services **God Calls Us To Mission** will be available at 25 cents each.

The mission study materials are in an entirely new format rather than the two mission study books, and is a set of four booklets on the theme **Mission: The Christian's Calling.** The set sells for $2.75. This includes **The Word With Power** (Bible study); **Realms of Our Calling** (background material); **Babylon By Choice** (urban culture); and **Mission As Decision** (case studies). Extra copies of **The Word With Power** will be available at 75 cents. **The Manual** which shows how to make the best use of these booklets is in **Program Opportunities for Adults;** however, extra copies will be on sale.

This year five books are being suggested (in addition to the mission study booklets) as **basic books** which every church group ought to read this year. These will also be on sale at a total cost of $7.45. They would make a fine addition to any church library.

Representatives from local churches should come prepared to purchase these materials and thus be able to plan their years program before fall.

—Emily Lester

OUTREACH

(Note: This article is the third in a series of five on the theme of the 1965 Southern Convention P. F. Planning and Training Conference to be held from June 20 to June 26.)

outreach (out' rech), v.t. 1. to extend beyond 2. to exceed 3. v.i. to reach or stretch out. /**Webster's National Dictionary**

In the case of "outreach" the dictionary meaning over simplifies the Christian outreach. Indeed it is an extending beyond or reaching out. But how, where, why?

What is the old truth of "outreach"? Perhaps the answer is hidden in the underlying meaning. It seems that the word "outreach" expresses the **action** in reaching. It means reaching outside of something. But is it outside the beaten path, the church, the congregation, the minister, or the country. It is all of these, perhaps, that is in **Christian** outreach. In old times the church reached out to the pagan, the congregation, foreign people, and the unfortunate local people. Then maybe this is the old truth of the word "outreach"—doing unto others by the church such as in missionaries, ministers, Christian social workers.

Let us discuss briefly now, why there is such a thing as Christian outreach. Indeed it can be done quite briefly: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Christian charity, the helping hand, Christ's healing of the sick, feeding the hungry, and many more exemplify this.

But what about this "new pattern"? This may be likewise easily understood. The early application was giving to others, pure charity, free food, etc. But now the watch word seems to be teaching. You, no doubt, have heard the saying: "Give a man a fish and you feed him for one day; give him a fishing pole and he feeds himself for years." But we cannot forget to **share.** This is far better than just giving because then you are giving of yourself. So it is today, whether it is a slum, or a beggar on the corner, or hungry refugees on another continent, or even poor natives trampled by the modern world or forgotten.

Old Truth: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

New Pattern: Give others strength, then tools and know-how to do it themselves.

Noel Allen

SUMMER CURRICULUM WORKSHOP

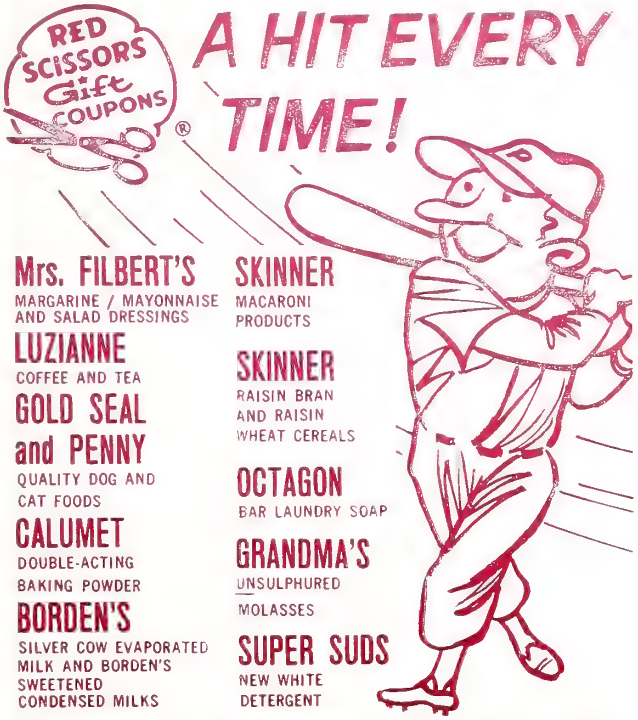
Greensboro June 8

Tuesday, June 8, the Congregational United Church of Christ will be the scene for an area United Church Curriculum Summer Curriculum Training Workshop for teachers, administrators and interested individuals. The sessions will get underway at 7:30. Age group leadership will be provided as follows: Kindergarten (Mrs. Alan Rohrbaugh); Primary (Mrs. L. T. Wilkins, Jr.); Lower Junior (Miss Dorothy Ballinger); Junior (Miss Ruth Dunn); Junior High (Mrs. Richard Petersen); Middle-Senior High (Rev. Richard N. Rinker); Adults (Rev. G. Harold Myers).

REPORT FOR MAY 17, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 229.74
Eastern North Carolina Conference	16.00
Western North Carolina Conference	100.50
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	56.00
Total	$ 402.24
Special Offerings	
Mrs. R. B. Baker, Greensboro, N. C.	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hal D. Foster, Jr., Burlington, N. C.	5.00
Women's Fellowship, Church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines, N. C.	10.00
Phillips Guild, First Cong. Church, Methuen, Mass.	10.00
The Fellowship of Cong. Christian Women, First Cong. Church, New Milford, Mass.	15.00
World Service Committee, United Church in Walpole, Walpole, Mass.	300.00
Second Cong. Church, Tozer Group, Vernon, Conn.	10.00
Second Cong. Church, Lucy Spencer Group, Vernon, Conn.	5.00
Lawrence S. Holt Trust Fund	450.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. J. I. Foust	
In Memory of Mrs. Carlotta B. Strong (2 Memorials)	
In Memory of Miss Annie Bason	
In Memory of Mr. Lawrence Ohleyer	
Total Memorial Gifts	37.00
Special Offerings	178.20
Total	$1,070.20
Total for the Week	$1,472.44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ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

May 17, 1965

Dear Friends:

This week on our page you will find an advertisement for our Red Scissors Coupons. Let me say that we are quite pleased with the fine response we are receiving for not only our Red Scissors, Betty Crocker and Pillsbury coupons, but also for the fine response to our request for trading stamps.

We have been particularly pleased with the support from the New England states such as Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. These trading stamps are of much help to us in gettng various items needed in meeting the needs of the boys and girls in our care.

We hope very much that you will continue to send us any and all coupons as well as trading stamps regardless of how few you might have at any one time to send. When enough people send us a few coupons each, this helps the total in the final analysis.

Many thanks for all the coupons you have sent and we hope you will continue to not only save them yourself, but encourage your friends to do likewise.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

Mt. Zion 75th Anniversary

The Mt. Zion Church at Eclipse, Va., has recently celebrated its 75th Anniversary with special services. More than 200 persons were present, including a number of former ministers or members of former ministers' families.

The Mt. Zion Church was organized February 25, 1890, following a revival meeting led by Rev. H. H. Butler and assisted by Dr. W. W. Staley. There were 15 professions of faith in the revival meeting, which led to the organization of the Church, with 30 charter members. The first church was built and furnished at a cost of $2200, and Rev. H. H. Butler was called to preach once a month for the first year.

An extensive remodeling and improvement program has been taking place since World War II.

Ministers since 1890 have included the Revs. H. H. Butler, B. F. Black, H. H. Peale, I. W. Johnson, S. C. Harrell, E. T. Cotten, Ben Joe Earp, O. Bradshaw, M. F. Allen, R. A. Whitten, J. H. Warren, J. W. Baggett, R. C. Mason, B. F. Watkins, W. S. Carnes, T. H. Britton, W. B. Daniel, and the present pastor, Rev. J. W. Madren. Dr. I. W. Johnson served the Church for three different pastorates. Rev. W. B. Daniel was the first full-time pastor.

Congratulations to the Mt. Zion Church on 75 years of exciting history!

A Pentecost Prayer

O Most Holy Spirit, possess me by Thy peace, illuminate me by Thy truth, fire me by Thy Holy flame, enable me by Thy power, be made visible in me by Thy fruits, lift me by grace upon grace from glory to glory, O Spirit of the Lord; who art with the Father and the Son, one God, world without end. Amen.

FOURTH ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST WOMEN — SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
CATAWBA COLLEGE, SALISBURY, N. C.
JUNE 15-18, 1965

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

12:30 - 2:00 P. M. **Registration** — Lobby of North Hall

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 **Hedrick Little Theatre—** College - Community Center
Worship — Mrs. Richard Jackson
Remarks and Introductions — **Mrs. Van D. Grimes**
Greetings — Dr. Donald C. Dearborn, President, Catawba College
Presentation of Literature — **Mrs. F. C. Lester**
Song — Led by Mrs. Hiram E. Davis
Orientation — **Dr. John L. Casteel,** Council of Lay Life and Work
Presentation of Group Leaders — Mrs. Kenneth Register

4:00 **Group Meetings**
4:30 **Unpack** — Book Store Open until 5:30
6:00 **Dinner**

EVENING SESSION

7:00 **A Walk on the Campus,** Private Meditation, Making New Friends, etc.
7:30 **Worship** — Catawba College Chapel
Keynote Address — Dr. Casteel
"Mission — The Christian's Calling"
9:00 **Refreshments** on the Lawn, Served by Shiloh Church, Faith

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

7:15 A. M. **Morning Watch**
7:30 **Breakfast**
8:15 - 8:45 **Book Store Open**

MORNING SESSION

9:00 **Worship — Hedrick Little Theatre**
Bible Study — **Dr. Casteel**
10:00 **Bible Study Discussion Groups,** Mrs. Kenneth Register, Chairman
10:45 **Break**
11:00-12:00 **"Mission — The Christian's Calling" — Mrs. F. C. Lester**
12:30 P. M. **Lunch**

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15-1:45 **Book Store Open**
2:00-3:00 **Program Planning** — Hedrick Little Theatre — Mrs. Henry Kennedy, Jr., Mrs. Bill W. Hedrick
3:15-4:15 **Special Interest Groups** (Please remain in the same group both afternoons)
United Church Women — North Dorm Lounge — Mrs. Stuart Sinclair
Drama — Hedrick Little Theatre — Mr. Hoyt McCachren
Art—Mr. James D. Smith, III
Music — Music Building — Mrs. Hiram E. Davis, Mrs. Lane C. Drye
Growing Through Groups — Mrs. Richard Jackson
4:15 **Book Store Open**
Free Time to: Meet with Conference Leaders, Take Local Interest Trip, Rest
6:00 **Dinner**

EVENING SESSION

7:00 **A Walk on the Campus,** Private Meditation, Making New Friends, etc.
7:30 **Worship** — Hedrick Little Theatre — **Film: "The Toymaker"** — Discussion Groups led by Mrs. W. M. Alexander — Reactor Panel
9:00 **Refreshments on Patio**

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

7:15 A. M. **Morning Watch**
7:30 **Breakfast**
8:15-8:45 **Book Store Open**

MORNING SESSION

9:00 **Worship** — Hedrick Little Theatre
Bible Study — **Dr. Casteel**
10:00 **Bible Study Discussion Groups,** Mrs. Kenneth Register, Chairman
10:45 **Break**
11:00-12:00 **"Mission — The Christian's Calling" — Mrs. F. C. Lester**
12:30 P. M. **Lunch**

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15-1:45 **Book Store Open**
2:00-3:00 **Program Planning** — Hedrick Little Theatre — Mrs. Henry Kennedy, Jr., Mrs. Bill W. Hedrick
3:15-4:15 **Special Interest Groups**
4:15 **Book Store Open**
Free Time to: Meet with Conference Leaders, Take Local Interest Trip, Rest
6:00 **Dinner**

EVENING SESSION

7:00 **A Walk on the Campus,** Private Meditation, Making New Friends, etc.
7:30 **Worship** — Catawba College Chapel
Keynote Speaker — Mrs. Stuart Sinclair, President of United Church Women
9:00 **Hall Groups**

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

7:15 A. M. **Morning Watch**
7:30 **Breakfast**
8:00-8:45 **Book Store Open for Last Time**
9:00-9:45 **"Mission — The Christians' Calling" — Mrs. F. C. Lester**
9:45-10:15 **Evaluation** — Mrs. S. A. Isenhour, Mrs. Robert Forbes
10:15 **Break**
10:45-11:30 **Bible Study — Dr. Casteel** — Catawba College Chapel
11:30-12:00 **Sacrament of Holy Communion** — Rev. Porter Seiwell, Rev. J. T. Stanley
12:30 P. M. **Lunch**

The women are reminded to bring a notebook, Bible, sheets, and towels.

Conference Personnel

Mrs. Stuart Sinclair, President, United Church Women
Dr. John L. Casteel, General Secretary for Leadership Training of the Council for Lay Life and Work
Mrs. F. C. Lester, Southern Regional Secretary for Council of Lay Life and Work
Mrs. Van D. Grimes, Chairman, Summer Conference

Registrars — Mrs. Tom Gadd, Chairman, Mrs. Margie Cowan, Mrs. W. R. Stevenson; **Publicity** — Miss Ruth Dunn, Chairman, Mrs. L. A. Leonard, Mrs. J. T. Stanley; **Treasurer** — Mrs. W. M. Alexander; **Song Leader** — Mrs. Hiram E. Davis; **Organist-Pianist** — Mrs. Lane C. Drye; **Book Store Manager** — Miss Sarah Sanders; **Book Store Treasurer** — Mrs. J. J. Gminder; **Hostess** — Mrs. Porter Seiwell; **Meals and Fellowship** — Mrs. Donald Dearborn; **Signs** — Mrs. George Fleming; **News Reporter** — Rev. Hiram E. Davis; **Summer Conference Committee** — Mrs. W. D. Gay, Mrs. J. T. Stanley, Mrs. Robert Forbes, Mrs. R. M. Kimball, Mrs. K. D. Register, Mrs. R. L. Jackson, Mrs. Henry Kennedy, Jr., Mrs. S. A. Isenhour and Mrs. Bill Hedrick.

"God Hath Set The Solitary In Families"

By David A. Andes

Family Sunday — Elon College

"God hath set the solitary in families." Psalm 68:6

We may ask, "Who are the solitary among us?" Immediately, the answers are flung back.

The solitary are the great. A man often becomes great because he is solitary. He has struggled against great obstacles and won or lost heroically. Then he may be solitary because he is great, because he is above and beyond other men. He cannot expect to emerge from the crowd while blending in. Lord Byron was one of England's greatest romantic poets. His works were the spirit of the age. Yet, the man himself was reflected in the Byronic Hero he created—moody, melodramatic, violent, tender, sinister. The portrait is of a passionate and restless spirit walking by the rocky shores of a savage sea—alone, solitary.

The solitary are the forgotten. There is the employee or student who has been stripped of his identity and labeled a black, indifferent number. There is the victim of old age or confining illness who finds the world no longer remembers him as he remembers the world. There is the name on the welfare list, remembered only as a link in the endless chain of poverty. Some philosophers have said that a man's existence is in the mind of others. If a man is not remembered, does he still exist? The forgotten man of F.D.R. is still forgotten.

The solitary are the misunderstood. The result is a generation of the "psychologically disturbed" as the Jets of West Side Story would put it. The lonely teenagers who search for some plug to fill the hole in their world mess. The reputation ruined by a rumor which the believers didn't bother to verify. The man persecuted for his beliefs or skin color rather than for any overt actions.

The solitary are the disillusioned—those whose worlds have collapsed upon them. It doesn't take a Black Tuesday stock market crash or a devastating war to shatter a person's world. Floods and tornadoes in the upper Mississippi Valley left thousands at the point of desperation. "We'll have to start all over again," they said. Broken marriages, unexpected deaths, business failures, all seem to draw the veil of darkness over flickering lives. With and thru it all is self-disillusionment. How many of us at life's end will know the feeling of Peer Gynt when he returned to his native home after long years of pursuing the life he thought was his. He had enjoyed himself, he had seen the world and its pleasures, he had lived dedicated to his own benefit. Yet, his realization was that his whole life of world traveling had been disillusionment. The only hope of meaning for his life lay in the faithful love of someone else for him. How solitary was this realization!

The solitary are those without family ties. The child orphaned by death or divorce. The man or woman who does not marry. Those who should not have married. The widow and the widower.

Who are the solitary? They are all these and many more. For the solitary is Everyman. The title of David Reisman's book, THE LONELY CROWD, suggests the solitude of the individual even within the framework of the group. Each man, though a member of that group, finds himself on the outside looking in. Everyman must know the solitude of struggle within his own soul. Everyman at one time or another experiences the solitude of Coleridge's Ancient Mariner.

Alone, alone, all, all alone,
Alone on a wide, wide sea!
And never a saint took pity on
My soul in agony.

Jesus Christ, too, was a solitary figure, especially hanging on a cross. His ministry had been to people and these very people had denied and crucified him. His message had been from God, yet his death seemed to be the essence of Godlessness. Nowhere is there a moment of utter desolation in his life to be compared with that expressed in the words, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" Jesus, too, is one of the solitary. His ministry is to the solitary. His Church must be about His ministry.

Dr. H. S. Hardcastle

FIFTY YEARS A MINISTER

May 30, 1965, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Ordination of Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, beloved minister of the Southern Convention. Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle are at present making their home at Portsmouth, Virginia.

Hardy was ordained May 30, 1915 at Dover, Delaware, by the Delmarria Conference. Hardy was born at Cheswold, Delaware, is a graduate of Elon College, and Yale Divinity School, and a recipient of the D.D. degree from his alma mater, Elon College. He is married to the former Mary Margaret Miller at Luray, Virginia, in 1922. The Hardcastles have two children, Jane, and Howard S.

Hardy has served the Suffolk Christian Church, The Christan Temple, Rosemont, First Newport-News, Oakland, Berea (Nansemond), and several churches as supply after his retirement. At present, Hardy is serving as supply pastor at Portsmouth, United Church of Christ, Portsmouth, Virginia.

THE CHRISTIAN SUN and a host of friends in the Southern Convention express their warm congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle on the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary in the Christian ministry.

CCSA Pilot Project for 1965

The Detroit Community Action Institute

The Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ is cooperating with leaders of the United Church of Christ and the Council of Churches Commission on Religion and Race in Detroit on a training program for laity and clergy from urban areas, including both direct involvement in ongoing programs and seminar reflection and study of theory, methodology, and community resources.

The dates for this Institute will be Saturday, July 17—Saturday, July 31. The program includes orientation, placement in on-going projects in Detroit, seminars and evaluation. Director for the Institute will be the Rev. Arlie Porter, of the Metropolitan Detroit Association of the UCC. Also on the staff will be Miss Elizabeth Johns, of the CCSA.

Full scholarships for board and room will be provided by CCSA for those coming. Travel to Detroit, local transportation to jobs, and pocket money are the participant's responsibility. Apply for admission to the Institute by writing Miss Elizabeth Johns, CCSA, 289 Park Avenue South, New York, N. Y. 10010.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Pentecost And Pocketbooks

Those of us who profess Christ as Lord have a cold, hard fact of life to face. We might prefer remaining ignorant of it, comfortable in our faith and with the acceptable manifestations of religion present in our lives and society.

Dr. Martin E. Marty, in his recent book from Friendship Press, Babylon By Choice, states it quite bluntly in this way: "Today's young or middle-aged adult was born into a world that was nominally just short of one-third Christian. If he fulfills his life expectancy he may leave a world that is one-sixth Christian, or hardly more than that."

People are being born into the world faster than Christian influences can lead them to find Christ. We do not use the power --- perhaps we fail to find it --- of the pentecost experience. The urgency to bear witness to the gospel, strengthened by the Spirit of God, is inadequately shared by present generations. We do not take our witness where it needs to go. Where we do take it, its effectiveness is too often diminished. Why?

We talk Christ, but we reserve the large proportion of our money for secularities. We just don't give enough to finance the witness we have been called to make.

There is never a time when it may be said honestly that enough money has been given for the support of the witness to the gospel "to the uttermost parts of the earth". What must be said, in all honesty, is that we have given as much as we want to give because (1) we are ignorant of the needs, (2) we'd rather spend our money on ourselves, (3) we are ourselves destitute, or (4) we don't believe in the mission of the church to bear witness.

We are ignorant of the need only if we prefer it this way. There is an abundance of resources available to broaden our horizons and wake us up to the harsh realities of the world's hungry and diseased, physically as well as spiritually. Few of us are destitute. Occasionally emergencies arise to drain our funds temporarily, but we recover.

This seems to suggest that either we don't believe in the urgency felt by those influenced by the first Pentecost experience -- to witness -- or we'd rather spend the money on ourselves in large measure. It may be that we have two inseparables, each of which generates stronger attitudes in favor of the other.

It is probably not especially disturbing to read about the needs of the world's people. Because we fail, by whatever sum of money we have failed, to do our honest best in supporting our Christian witness with cold cash, somebody will starve to death, or die for lack of medical attention, or worse, never know Christ.

This is impersonal. It's far-removed enough so we don't see the swollen tummies of hungry children, or the disintegrating bodies of disease-infested men and women, or the hopeless looks on the faces of those without God's concern evidenced in their lives. We cannot see the frustration of our missionaries charged by us to bear our witness for Christ, and then compelled to do less than ought to be done because (1) we'd rather spend our money on ourselves after we've secured life's necessities, or (2) we don't believe in the church's mission to witness if it means more than tokens from our pocketbooks.

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WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
/KJ

For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.
/RSV

You must understand that God has not sent His Son into the world to pass sentence upon it, but to save it — through Him.
/Phillips

This is the hammer — God's Son. We are the chisels. It is God who wields both to break through the barriers by which we are enclosed. Barriers, at times, of which we are unaware or which we refuse to see.

As an artist, God uses His tools not to destroy but to create. And His creation is a new creation lighted by redemption and called salvation. He forgives our prejudices, our failures, our unworthy thoughts, our pettiness. The response to His forgiving love is the driving forth, under the power of the Christ, to break through the walls about us. They are the walls constructed with the needs of mankind as bricks and the blindness of men as mortar.

Collegeville Summer Assembly

August 2 - 9

The Collegeville Summer Assembly will be held at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania, for ministers and laymen of all denominations from August 2-9.

Leaders for this Assembly will be the Rev. Dr. Hagen Staack, the Bible Hour Teacher on national TV; Rev. Dr. Lee J. Gable, Professor of Christian Education and Dean of the Faculty at Lancaster Theological Seminary; Rev. Dr. Chester A. Pennington, senior pastor of the 4000-member Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church in Minneapolis; Rev. Dr. Donald MacLeod, professor of Homilectics and Worship at Princeton Theological Seminary.

The cost for attending this Assembly will be $25.00 double occupancy for rooms and meals. Families are welcome. No charge for children under six years of age. $10.00 for children six to twelve. Inquiries may be sent to Rev. John C. Shetler, Ursinus College, Collegeville, Penna.

Statement About The Klan

by the
Executive Board
of the
North Carolina Council of Churches
The Right Reverend M. George Henry
Bishop of the Western North Carolina Diocese
of the Episcopal Church and
President of the Council

The Executive Board of the North Carolina Council of Churches views with deep concern the revival of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina, for the creed of the Klan is clearly anti-American and anti-Christian.

We deplore the Klan's abuse of the President of the United States and of other public officials who are seeking to secure the civil rights of all Americans regardless of race, creed or color. We also deplore the Klan's vicious and unscrupulous attacks on our Jewish, Catholic and Negro brethren.

We are appalled at the brazenness of the Klan in bringing before the public those accused of the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzio.

We call upon the political and religious forces of North Carolina to do all in their power to counteract the menacing influences of the Klan.

For further information contact: The Reverend Jack Crum, 3805 Pleasant Valley Road, Raleigh, North Carolina.

BREAKTHROUGH — SOME OF THE LINES

There is a widespread awareness today that we are in the midst of a major crisis in the relation of the church to the world — a crisis that is as deep (and as promising) as that which confronted the church at the time of Constantine or at the time of Luther. This growing conviction can perhaps be summarized under three points:

First, we are in the midst of a massive **restatement of the gospel,** with the need for the discovery of a new language of interpretation in order that we may fulfill our missionary task.

Second, we are on the threshold of a major **realignment of the forms of the church's life** with the need for discovery of new forms of Christian presence in order that we may fulfill our missionary calling.

Third, we are facing the necessity for the **fashioning of a new Christian style of life,** with the need for the discovery of ways in which the laity may learn to live and witness in our urban-technological society.

—Rev. Dr. Colin Williams
In Connecticut Conference Missioner

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FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

MISSIONS MEAN PEOPLE

Missions mean people. So says the Letter of the Month, published by the Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ. How true this is!

Most of us have thought of Our Christian World Mission as having to do with institutions, budgets, buildings, committees, and red tape, but in the final analysis, if missions are not people, then they have no genuine reason for existence.

God's mission to our world became incarnate in a person, even Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus embodied the good news of the gospel to that ancient Palestinian world, as they saw love expressed in a person. Love wrapped up in a person is the basis for Our Christian World Mission.

Dr. Hale Cook, of India, tells of a tall, lean, Indian native, a tailor by caste, and a farmer by occupation, who had become involved in a quarrel with his brothers over land. As a result of the quarrel, he was afflicted with chronic diarrhea. As a result, his lungs became congested and he could not eat. Having given up hope from other sources, he sent for missionary Gifford Towle, of the Board for World Ministries. The missionary counseled him in his difficulty and persuaded him to go to the missionary hospital for treatment. After being a patient for nearly two months, tall, lean, Shanker Patange, the tailor has recovered completely. He started repaying his debts and setting his house in order with his relatives. He is convinced that Jesus Christ saved his life, and he worships God as he knows him through his contacts with Christians. In a missionary doctor and a missionary hospital, he saw love incarnate in persons. This is the motivation and the rationale for our involvement in healing through Our Christian World Mission.

Perhaps the Lord would say of good people in many churches who give regularly to Our Christian World Mission some ancient words such as, **"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brothers, ye have done it unto me."**

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Streich have been missionaries since 1945 to Ecuador. Here, they seek to establish a cooperative mission. Recently, one year old Roberto, tied to his mother's back while she was bent over a rock washing some clothes, was discovered to be dying. The child was emaciated and his skin was drawn and almost yellow. Roberto's mother, Aurora, was sad and had been crying. When the missionaries offered to carry Roberto to the mission clinic, the mother said, "No medicine will help him now."

It was discovered that when Roberto became ill, his good mother took him to the witch doctor. The witch doctor sought to diagnose his sickness by rubbing a live guinea pig over his body. The guinea pig was rubbed over the little boy's body until the guinea pig died. Then, the witch doctor cut the guinea pig open and examined it, exclaiming, "The guinea pig has been crushed. And Roberto has been crushed, too, by the devil. No medicine will help him now, and don't carry him to the missionary clinic for medicine. Roberto will die." The missionaries prevailed upon Roberto's mother to place him in the mission clinic hospital. After nursing and diet, Roberto regained his health. Many Indian families in Ecuador have come to trust God because they have seen love incarnate in mission nurses and docetors.

Incarnate love, bound up in persons, is at the heart and core of Our Christian World Mission.

The next time you give your tithes and offerings at your local church, remember that a part of your gift helps to make Our Christian World Mission come alive in persons.

The next time you hear your church mention the word, "Apportionment," or "Our Christian World Mission," please do not give a negative reaction, but respond generously for Our Christian World Mission is love incarnate in persons.

Clyde L. Fields

49 Churches So Far In Breakthrough

— Send In Your Reply Of Acceptance —

If You Haven't Already

Berea
Holland
Damascus
Suffolk Bethlehem
Oak Grove
Liberty Spring
Waverly
Spring Hill
Wakefield
Dendron
Burton's Grove
Bayside
Norfolk Central
Portsmouth United
Warwick
Rosemont
Shelton Memorial
Newport News
Bayview
Little Creek
Virginia Beach First
Albemarle
Pleasant Hill
Hank's Chapel
Chapel Hill United
Amelia Clayton
Plymouth Raleigh
First Henderson
Raleigh United
Pope's Chapel
Good Hope
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Mt. Gilead
Morrisville
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Concord
Union Ridge
Hines Chapel
Palm Street
Lynchburg
Haw River
Reidsville

1965 Church School

CONVENTIONS

Western North Carolina — Sunday, June 20, beginning at 2:30, Pleasant Union Church

Eastern North Carolina — Sunday, June 27, beginning at 3:00, Liberty Vance Church

No. Carolina & Virginia — Tuesday, June 22, beginning at 9:30, Union Ridge Church
Theme: Mission — The Christian's Calling

Eastern Virginia — Tuesday, June 20, beginning at 6:30 (banquet), Bethlehem Suffolk Church

All Torn Up

By ROBERT E. MYERS, Pastor
St. Luke's and Lyerly Memorial UCC

Between the period of time — 10 days from the Ascension of Christ to the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost — the disciples were very much upset as they tried to reorganize, regroup, revive, resettle, and re-construct themselves.

When we are put out on our own, left hanging, or cut loose, we find ourselves in periods of 10 seconds, 10 minutes, 10 hours, 10 days, 10 weeks of being all torn up. We can respond by trying to carry on, by sitting and waiting, by resisting and closing the door.

We can relate by experience what it is to be torn up when we remodel, repair, or involve ourselves in the tasks about our homes, communities, or even our bodies. We like to get things in order as soon as possible. Yet very few escape that "all torn up period" when our souls and spirits seem alone. This is and was the concern of the **learners for Christ** that we watch and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

JOYNER ARTICLE IN UNITED CHURCH HERALD

The Rev. William T. Joyner, pastor of Shelton Memorial Church in Portsmouth, has an article appearing in the May 15 issue of **The United Church Herald**, our national denominational publication.

Entitled **Agent 007, James Bond and the Bomb**, considers the fictional and popular James Bond as a "descriptive symbol of the contemporary 'Everyman' who lives in constant danger in a world where the stakes of existence are at an all time high."

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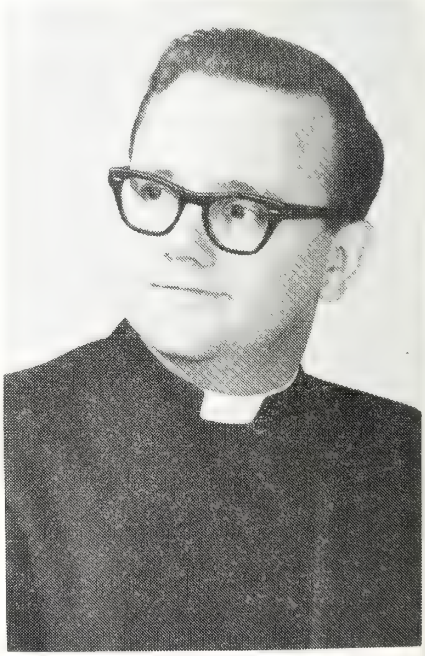
—From Shallow Well Church

James L. Rosser Ordained June 6

James L. Rosser, a 1965 graduate of the Lancaster Theological Seminary, will be ordained into the Christian ministry on June 6. The service of ordination will be held at three o'clock at the Shallow Well United Church, Sanford, North Carolina. All ministers of the Southern Convention and friends of the candidate for ordination are cordially invited. A reception given by the Women's Class will follow immediately in the McFarlend Hall; at this time the Ordinand will renew old acquaintances.

Rosser, a member of the Shallow Well United Church of Christ, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Rosser of Sanford, North Carolina. He attended Elon College and was graduated with the class of 1962. While at Elon he was active in student government, a member of the Student Christian Association, and the Ministerial Association serving two years as its president. After his graduation from Elon he entered the Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and received the Bachelor of Divinity degree on June 2. As a member of the seminary community he was active in student life and served his junior year as president of his class; he was also a member of the Community Executive Council for two years and served as secretary treasurer of the student body his senior year. Rosser was also active in the Chancel Players.

His parish experience includes director of youth at the St. Stephen's United Church, New Holland, Pa.; assistant minister in the West Manheim Charge, Hanover, Pa.; and student pastor of the Zion Charge, Berlin, Pa. As a student at Elon Rosser served in a number of churches in the Southern Convention and also worked at the Moonelon Conference Center. He has been called to the Haw River, United Church of Christ, Haw River, North Carolina, and will begin his work there early in June.



REV. JAMES L. ROSSER

REPORT FOR MAY 24, 1965
Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Eastern Virginia Conference	**$ 40.00**
Eastern North Carolina Conference	**20.00**
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	**90.05**
Total	**$150.05**
Special Offerings	
Sigma Mu Sigma Fraternity, Lambda Chapter, Elon College, Elon College, N. C.	**15.00**
Adult Bible Class, Clayton Christian Church, Clayton, N. C.	**5.00**
Woman's Fellowship, Cypress Chapel Christian Church, Suffolk, Va.	**25.00**
Zion Christian Church, Sanford, N. C.	**112.50**
Ladies Aid Society, Barrett's Christian Church Wakefield, Virginia	**10.00**
Women's Fellowship, Waverly Christian Church, Waverly, Virginia	**17.50**
Women's Guild, Sayles Memorial Church, Saylesville, Rhode Island	**20.00**
Miss Margaret Muth, Harwich Port, Mass.	**25.00**
Women's Fellowship, Union Cong. Church, Rockville, Conn.	**10.00**
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. Foster Hughes	
In Memory of Miss Effie Love	
In Memory of Mr. Caleb D. West	
In Memory of Mrs. Horace J. Powell (4 Memorials)	
Total Memorial Gifts	**35.50**
Special Offerings	**118.90**
Total	**$394.40**
Total for the Week	**$544.45**

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A Home-coming will be held at **Rosemont United Church of Christ, Chesapeake,** on Sunday, June 20, immediately following the morning service. A basket dinner on the church lawn will be enjoyed. This is sponsored by the Senior Board of Deacons and this being the first home coming at Rosemont they are anxious for friends and members of the church to share in this event. Graduates of high school will be honored June 6 during the 11:00 o'clock service.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

A Visit To New England

May 24, 1965

Dear Friends:

Last week it was my privilege to make a visit to the states of Massachusetts and Connecticut telling the story of our Home for Children. As I am sure you know by now, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island is the support area for our Home in the United Church of Christ, as well as North Carolina and Virginia.

On this visit north, I had present at the State Conference of Massachusetts an exhibit showing pictures of our Home as well as having material available about our various services.

On Monday afternoon of the Conference we had an opportunity for 2½ hours to talk with many people from across the state of Massachusetts and share with them the program we have here at the Home for Children.

After our visit to the State Conference of Massachusetts, we came back to Hartford Connecticut, where we visited with several churches, as well as several ministers, talking with them about our program and what we are endeavoring to do. In Hartford, we were able to renew our acquaintance with Rev. Jack Palangio who is in charge of the program in Connecticut. As such he is the individual with whom we work in telling our story in Hartford. We are very happy to have Rev. Palangio in Connecticut with whom we can work in telling our story.

We were most happy on this trip to have had the opportunity of contacting Rev. Lillian Gregory. She is in charge of the Lay Life and Work in the State of Massachusetts. She will be the person with whom we will be in contact in Massachusetts in telling our story to the various churches.

In September of this year, we hope to have ready a 16 mm film of 30 minutes that we will send copies of to the State offices in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

We were most happy to have accompanying us on this trip J. C. Matkins, an outstanding layman of our Shallowford Church.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

New Missionary & Stewardship Education Resources

Two new resources are now available from the Stewardship Council. The first is the 1965-1966 edition of the **United Church Desk Calendar and Plan Book.** This popular planning guide is used by more than twenty thousand pastors and lay leaders in the United Church. It provides, in easy to find form, the program planning suggestions of all national boards and councils, together with calendar pages for eighteen months (July 1965 through December 1966), and a directory of national instrumentalities. Sample copies have been sent all pastors and conference staff persons. Additional copies are priced at one dollar each.

Acting on Mission by the Reverend George J. Warheit of Columbus, Ohio, is an exciting new guide to work and witness in the local church. It is a very practical manual which suggests a three step approach to church program planning. First, involve your entire membership in a study of the nature and mission of the church. Second, evaluate the present structures and program patterns of your congregation. And third, reform these structures and renew these patterns in response to God's clear call to mission.

This booklet was written at the specific request of the Committee on Program Strategy of the United Church of Christ. It represents a coordinated approach to such areas as: worship, education, evangelism, service, ministry, and stewardship — all within the context of the community in which the church exists and which it must serve. The author brings to his task a broad background of experience in the United Church. As a local pastor and as a member of a conference staff he has carried responsibility for helping churches in this important area.

Plan now to read **Acting on Mission.** And plan ahead to use it in your church. A sample copy was included in the **Spring Packet** distributed to all pastors. Additional copies are priced at fifty cents each.

ON THE EDGE

Rural Life Sunday was observed at **Long's Chapel United Church of Christ in Burlington** on May 23. Guest speaker for this service was the Rev. Orin Daniels, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Waldron, Michigan.

Rev. Carl Dunker, pastor of **Wake Chapel Church,** will be guest preacher for evangelistic services at **Amelia United Church of Christ in Clayton** from June 13-18.

The governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church and the Congregational Union of the **Island of Jamaica** have approved a union between these two judicatories to form the United Church of Jamaica effective in 1966.

The **Rev. G. Harold Myers,** pastor at Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville, will be a leader at the National Conference on Recreation to be held at Defiance College in Ohio during the week of May 31.

James L. Peeler, recent graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, was ordained to the Christian ministry on June 6 at St. Luke's United Church of Christ in Salisbury. Guest speaker for this occasion was Dr. Lee J. Gable, dean of the seminary.

Guest preacher at the **First Christian Church in Burlington** on June 6 was the Rev. Dr. James H. Overton, Jr., Associate Professor of Religion at Elon College.

While their pastor, Rev. St. Elmo Nauman, is attending graduate school at Boston University this summer, the **Franklin Congregational Christian Church (UCC)** will have these guest speakers: Commander Donald Jolly (USN); Rev. L. Bill Simmons, Virginia Field Secretary; Rev. Mrs. Wilkerson Holland; Dr. Clyde L. Fields.

On May 30, the **Durham United Church of Christ Senior PF** shared in a discussion on **Facts of Life and Love for Teenagers** led by Jane Bullock.

A semon title applicable to us all was used by the Rev. Robert W. Roschy, pastor of **The United Church of Christ at Southern Pines** on May 30. It was **Doing More Than You Think.**

Rev. Fred Allred returned home on June 2 following surgery at Randolph Memorial Hospital, Asheboro, N. C. He is recovering nicely.

Rev. Conrad Cornelius underwent surgery recently in Raleigh. He is reported to be recovering in good order.

The Junior Department at **Durham United Church of Christ** visited and worshipped at **O'Kelly's Chapel** on June 6 as a part of their study on pioneers of the church. O'Kelly's Chapel is located on highway 751 (extension) about 3 miles south of highway 54 just inside Chatham County.

IN MEMORIAM

Elliott E. Henley
Died April 21, 1965; member of Great Bridge Congregational Christian Church, Chesapeake, Virginia.

George Chester Kinser
Member of Windsor Congregational Christian Church; May 10, 1965, Windsor, Virginia.

Henderson Minister Honored

The First Congregational Christian Church, Henderson, N. C. was filled to capacity on Sunday morning, May 30, by members, former members, friends and family as the **Rev. Mr. J. Frank Apple** was honored, commemorating his fiftieth year in the pastoral ministry. The Rev. Mr. Apple came to the pastoral ministry of the Henderson church in 1939 and served them until 1958 when he retired from the full time work of the ministry. Since 1958 he has served Mt. Auburn Congregational Christian Church at Fuller's Chapel Congregational Christian Church on the outlying area of Henderson. In total, Mr. Apple has served twenty-four churches in the North Carolina — Virginia Conference, the Western North Carolina Conference, and the Eastern North Carolina Conference. He was licensed to preach at Lebanon Congregational Christian Church, Semora, N. C. on November 20, 1913 and was ordained to the full gospel ministry at Union Ridge Congregational Christian Church near Burlington, N. C. on November 23, 1916. His first pastorate was the Ether - Shady Grove parish at Ether, N. C. which he began in 1915. During this period of fifty years he has preached 4,324 sermons, conducted 355 funerals, performed 320 weddings, witnessed 1,196 conversions, received 1,177 members into his church, baptised 829 persons and spoken (146) times to community and civic groups. He was married on June 9, 1920 to Miss Lollie Jefferies of the Long's Chapel Community, near Burlington, N. C. In addition to serving the churches for fifty years, Mr. Apple taught school for 32 years, retiring also from the public school system of North Carolina.

The service of worship on Sunday morning was led by the Rev. Dr. Clyde Fields, Superintendent of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches. The pastor, the Rev. Mr. Harry R. Mathis then read a biographical sketch on the life of Mr. Apple, entitled "This Is Your Life," tracing his life as a minister, teacher, husband, and father. After the service of worship, a fellowship dinner was enjoyed by those attending the Homecoming and Service of Honor.

In the afternoon, the Study at the new Congregational Christian parsonage on Peace Street off Dabney Drive was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Lollis J. Apple and in honor of Rev. Apple.

Pope's Chapel Memorial Service

The annual Memorial Service at Pope's Chapel United Church of Christ was observed on May 23. The pastor, Rev. T. N. Daughtry, led the morning worship service using **The Church** as the theme for his message. The service was concluded by a Children's Memorial in which robed young people received flowers at the altar and placed them on the resting places of departed friends whose families were too far away too attend. By the tribute of these children, everyone was remembered. Lunch was served after the service. An afternoon **Song Service** was shared with neighbors in the community.

The days of preparation for this special day included the repainting of the church building, roof repairs, completion of the basement and the installation of rest rooms.

WINFRED BRAY HONORED BY CIVITANS

The Rev. H. Winfred Bray, pastor of Union Ridge United Church of Christ in Burlington, was honored for his service to the church, the Civitan Club, and the community. This recognition took place this past week with the presentation of a special plaque from the Pleasant Grove Civitan Club, with Mr. Algie Blalock speaking for the group.

Daughter Of U. C. C. Missionaries To Ghana To Be At Sr. High Conference

Miss Vivian Era Hazel

Miss Vivian Era Hazel, daughter of United Church of Christ missionaries serving in Ghana, will be one of the leaders at the Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship Planning and Training Conference to be held from June 20 through the 26 at Moonelon Center.

Miss Hazel is in this country studying at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. She will have Ghanian-made items and colored slides to share with those participating in the Conference. As a teenager herself, she will add greatly to the experiences during the week at camp. She will remain over an additional week to serve as missions resource guest for the Junior Age Camp, directed by Miss Dorothy Ballinger. Among Miss Hazel's interests is a talent for rhythmic dancing.

The Senior High PF Planning and Training Conference will help young people and adult leaders to program and carry out an effective fellowship ministry. Time will be available for practice in discussions, Bible study, recreation to take home and use with local groups, and hearing outstanding resource persons present a variety of subjects for conversation and discussion.

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The new Campus Ministry begun by the American Bible Society in 1964 to reach 4,000,000 collegians marked a return to direct activity in Scripture distribution on college campuses. More than 150 years ago, local Bible societies were organized at Princeton University, in 1813; Dartmouth and Union Colleges, in 1815.

In 1964 the American Bible Society shipped 48,675,617 copies of Holy Scriptures.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

Operation Icebreaker

Much fine progress has been made toward the goal of $1500 to purchase cabin heaters for frost-bitten campers at Moonelon. Over $320 has been accumulated from various church groups, not to mention $200 from the North Carolina-Virginia P.F. Conference. But if I might use a pun on **Operation Icebreaker,** we have barely scratched the surface.

The heaters are, of course, very important to Moonelon in that they will soothe the few brave ones that do visit Moonelon during the colder months and in addition it will open the center to more campers throughout the year, with less regard to weather.

You may recall a previous article I wrote on Operation Icebreaker which described it as a car without a heater. One thing I forgot to mention then was the effect of "lack of usage". It is obvious that warm weather is here and consequently the "old car" is running again. But cold, wasted months left it a little ragged. Hard work has straightened this out and indeed made it look much better. Yet the lack of use of such a fine facility is still heartbreaking — so lets' get with the "ice-breaking". Your contributions are always deeply appreciated. By the way, drop by and see our car sometime, the tour is grand and the view — grander!

Battle On A Small Planet

A NEW FILMSTRIP

The Southern Convention Audio-Visual Library has added a 94 frame, sound and color filmstrip entitled **BATTLE ON A SMALL PLANET.** Intended for teenage audiences, it seeks to translate Christian faith and theology in terms of contemporary youth culture.

Stylized art, symbolism, music, sound effects and other techniques are used to communicate the ideas to young people. This filmstrip is recommended for senior high and young adults. It should be requested in time for preview and adequate preparation by writing to Box 336, Elon College, N. C. giving date of showing. The only cost is return postage.

CAMP STAFF NEEDED!!

Moonelon Center is in urgent need of the following adults to serve at Moonelon Center as noted:

June 20-26 (Sr. High PF — 3 women
July 11-17 (Middle High) — 3 women and 1 man
July 18-26 (Jr. Age II) — 1 man
July 25-31 (Jr. High II) — 2 women and 2 men
August 1-7 (Jr. Age III) — 2 women and 2 men

Time is rapidly passing. It would be preferable not have to refuse registrations from young people because adult leadership could not be found. Please notify Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244 immediately if you or someone you know is genuinely interested in sharing a week in this work.

Impressions Of The Church In America

By Annie Boiteux
I.C.Y.E. Student From France
Living in Durham

The usual impression of Exchange Students and foreigners on American churches is a tremendously good one: "churches are so much alive, so friendly; people are ready to do anything for their church; people are willing to help, willing to serve. . .". Well, how great and how wonderful! But how can it be? this was my question before I came.

I can remember my church in France. Like most of the churches in Europe, it was very cold, very close to strangers; nobody wished to do anything; the youth weekly meeting dropped around December because of the lack of participants. (There was always something else to do!) And, I was told, I should be happy and proud of my church because in Northern Europe the church is state church; that means that it is more dead than our dead French Protestant church: "In France there are only 1% of Protestant against 90% of Catholics, but they are very influential in every part of the nation, government, banking and social work." And that is a fact.

Last year our church youth group broke up like it did the years before, so I dropped it like everybody else and went to a National Protestant youth group, the F.F.A.C.E. or Fede. In this group (a high school group and not a parishonal group) we had great week ends, hard work camps, great discussions, hard work and great fun! Very often we were concerned by the problem of actual churches. Most of their members are old ladies and young children. Where are the other people? Why don't they go? And why don't WE go? It must be that the church does not concern us at all. But Christian faith concerns every one. So it is that the actual church is not the good expression of our Christian Faith.

After all these debates I heard about the American churches where everybody is happy to go, is ready to help . . . and everything. So here I come with I.C.Y.E. program. And what a deception! Yes, I have been tremendously welcomed by the church; I have been invited everywhere; I am a regular member of P.F.; I am helping in the Kindergarten; I made speeches for the Women's Circle; I played my guitar to entertain some Men's dinner. Well, I went everywhere it was possible to go, and I really had fun. The church gave me a great opportunity to meet people. But does not this social function take all the place? Between the Christmas tree, the fried-chicken, the Junior Choir, the business meetings, the bicycle riding project, the money making project, have we forgotten Christ's purpose? Where is Christ? I understand that the purpose of these fellowship activities is to make people feel that they are the members of the same living community, that their community is a community of people to help and to love. But do we achieve this purpose? Love asks for more than friendly talks with one another. It asks for deep relationship, deep understanding. The tragedy is that we refuse to get too much involved. The same thing happens in the outside work of the community. The church accomplishes a lot, a lot more than in France. People are ready to give some of their money to the church services. But I have been disappointed to see how few people get really involved in what the money is for.

The tragedy of French churches as well as American churches is the fear of people to "get involved". And it might be the task of the young people to give a new spirit to our churches.

Elon College Commencement

North Carolina's Governor Dan K. Moore was the featured speaker at the 1965 commencement as Elon College awarded degrees and diplomas to 109 seniors at graduation ceremonies held in Whitley Auditorium as climax to the college's annual commencement weekend.

Governor Moore himself was honored as Elon College awarded to him the honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Also honored was Mrs. James H. Semans, of Durham, a member of the famous Duke family, who is noted for her own personal contributions in the fields of education, art and literature. She was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

The Elon commencement activities had opened Saturday with an all-day alumni program, which included recognition of Federal Judge Eugene A. Gordon, of Burlington, as Elon's "Outstanding Alumnus of 1965." Chief speaker at the alumni banquet on Saturday night was Dr. Ferry Lee Gibbs, Elon graduate of 1925, now of Pittsburgh, Pa. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered yesterday morning by Dr. Duane N. Vore, also an Elon graduate, now of East Lansing, Mich., minister of the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Thirteen Honor Graduates

Thirteen of the 109 seniors were graduated with honors, three of them with summa cum laude ratings. The three summa cum laude graduates were Patricia Lorraine Dean, of Burlington; Leslie Donald Johnson, of Burlington; and Betsy Allen Parsley, of Elon College.

Those who were recognized as cum laude graduates included Larry Douglas Allred, Burlington; David Alfred Andes, Elon College; Frances Perkins Blalock, Burlington; Eugenia Lee Bouldin, Pittsboro; Jack Phillip Brammer, Leaksville; Dianne Hunter Clary, Danville, Va.; Linda Benson Lee, Graham; Glenda Dee Pridgen, Raleigh; Frederick James Stephenson, Greenville, R. I.; and Betty Moses Turman, Burlington.

Two special honor awards presented at the final exercises were the annual Monroe Awards, given to one boy and one girl for outstanding improvement and achievement in academic work and personal development. These went to Hazel Ann Jennings, a senior girl, and to James Floyd Payne, a junior boy, both from Portsmouth, Va. Recognition was also given to a number of other students who had previously received trophies, scholarships and other awards at Elon's spring Awards Day event.

Other Graduating Seniors

In addition to the thirteen seniors listed as honor graduates, others who received diplomas and degrees were Howard Lee Andrew, Snow Camp; Jewelle Adele Bass, South Boston, Va.; Betty Troxler Blanchard, Elon College; Cecil Ward Bland, Burlington; Ruby Allen Booty, Graham; Percy Carl Bovender, Winston-Salem; Herman Jesse Branson, Snow Camp; Kenneth Robert Broda, Fair Lawn, N. J.; Larry Lloyd Bulla, Elon College; Robert Keith Bulla, Burlington;

Horton Caswell Callahan, Graham; Madge Carpenter Carmichael, Burlington; Clarence Eugene Carter, Burlington; Paul Philip Cheek, Asheboro; Ruth Ann Chilton, Reidsville; Frank Anthony Ciamello, Oceanside, N. Y.; James Edwin Clark, Chapel Hill; Linda Marie Clark, Swepsonville; Joseph Anthony Cote, Fall River, Mass.; Vance Couch, Pensacola, Fla.; Terry Clark Cox, Ramseur; George Waitt Dickson, Burlington; John McCool Dominick, Durham;

Thomas Hunter Dula, Hillsboro; James Edward Dunn, Gibsonville; Irma Katherine Ellington, Henderson; William James Euliss, Graham; Susan Lydia Ferguson, Durham; Donald Fogleman, Burlington; Lottie Lorraine George, Brooklyn, N. Y.; James

Woodrow Gillespie, Burlington; Louise Elizabeth Grabenstetter, Metuchen, N. J.; Robert Breckenridge Grady, Norwich, Conn.; Kenneth Martin Graves, Burlington; Richard Jurgen Gunkel, Baltimore, Md.;

Norman Wright Haithcock, Hillsboro; James William Homill, Glenside, Pa.; Elome Franklin Harris, Ruffin; James Nimrod Harris, Elon College; Richard Reitzel Hedrick, Lenoir; Donald Wayne Hinton, Martinsville; Marty Starr Hogenson, Lutherville, Md.; Jerry Bryan Holmes, Burlington; Joyce Ann Howell, Suffolk, Va.; Grover Cleveland Huffines, Burlington; Edgar Reid Hughes, Burlington; Ronald Wayne Isley, Burlington; Hazel Ann Jennings, Portsmouth, Va.;

Clayton Edward Johnson, Graham; Pamela Sue Johnson, Manassas, Va.; Judith Carolyn Jones, Franklin, Va.; Linda Byrona Keck, Burlington; Rhonlee Anderson Kime, Liberty; Marcia Diane Leypoldt, McLean, Va.; Bonnie Roe Longest, Elon College; Jane Carole Loy, Burlington; Alan Vincent MacDonald, Falls Church, Va.; Sallie Faye McDuffie, Portsmouth, Va.; Edward Douglas Mason, Burlington; Lucia-Lee McCann, Mountain Lakes, N. J.;

John Edward Hamilton Minns, Fair Lawn, N. J.; Ann Sanders Mixon, Pageland, S. C.; Carroll Wayne Monger, Elkton, Va.; James Moore, Turtle Creek, Pa.; Patricia Ann Morbell, Butler, N. J.; Michael Morris, Uncasville, Conn.; Paul Fetzer Nance, Burlington; David Jennings Parker, Burlington; Beverly Kay Powell, Arlington, Va.; Barbara Ann Price, Sussex, Va.; Linda Gayle Price, Leaksville; Richard Boyd Pruitt, Pelham; William Madison Rice, Graham;

James Coyte Riley, Patrick Springs, Va.; Barbara Jean Rix, Winston-Salem; Paul Brinckerhoff Rodbinson, Fairfield, Conn.; Rita Paige Rogers, Elon College; Joya Carla Ryerson, Litchfield, Conn.; Viette Patricia Sandbank, Arlington, Va.; Kathryn Horsley Sandefur, Charleston, West Va.; David John Seidenspinner, Massapequa Park, N. Y.; Judith Dianne Shannon, Gastonia; David Hill Stewart, Graham; Lowell Lawrence Thomas, Asheboro;

Annie Lou Thompson, Hillsboro; Jerry Beck Thompson, Lexington; Jerry Wayne Tillman, Elon College; James Watson, Graham; Annie Ruth Webb, Burlington; William Robert Wicker, Asheville; William Newton Wilder, Asheboro; Judith Diane Woolard, Washington, N. C.; Betsy Anne Wright, Mebane; Brenda Faye York, Liberty; Scott Michael Zimmerman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Richard Paul Zimmerman, Glenside, Pa.

Secretarial Certificates

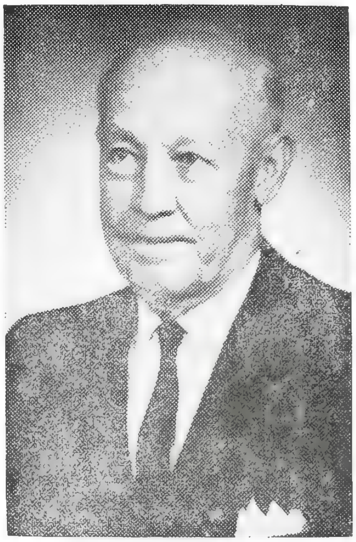
Eighteen were awarded certificates for completion of the one-year course in secretarial science, among them Carolyn Faye Blanks, Roxboro; Diane Bolick, Linden, N. J.; Margaret Kay Cole, Burlington; Edna Frances Hall, Rougemont; Dorothy Lee Hilliard, Elon College; Sheila Faye Kasuboski, Winston-Salem; Elizabeth Ann Kilpatrick, Burlington; Sheryl Gay Lane, Pinnacle;

Naomi Ruth Moore, Charlotte; Linda Sharpe Murchison, Snow Camp; Bonnie Hensley Page, Burlington; Brenda Kay Perry, Liberty; Nancy Ann Reid, Gibsonville; Linda Lee Rountree, Suffolk, Va.; Alberta Marie Solazzo, Graham; Patricia Jane Sugg, Seagrove; Paula Kay Whitesell, Elon College; and Margaret Ann Young, Vernon Hill, Va.

There were also three certificates for the two-year course in secretarial science, going to Nora Jane Guthrie, Nathalie, Va.; Kathleen Krecji, Virginia Beach, Va.; and Sylvia Gail Porter, Sanford. Certificates for the one-year clerical training course went to Beverly Sue Anderson, Hampton, Va.; Charles Ralph Harris, Burlington; and Jimmy Charles Watkins, Durham.

William Lott Monroe, Sr.

College Annual Dedicated To Atlanta Businessman



The 1965 edition of Phi Psi Cli, the Elon College annual, pays tribute in its dedication to William Lott Monroe, Sr., of Atlanta, Ga., who has for many years been a friend and benefactor of Elon College and Elon College students.

Mr. Monroe, one of the outstanding nurserymen and landscape men in the South, has provided two cash scholarship awards for outstanding Elon College students each year since 1950, one award for men and one for women, with the awards presented each year as a feature of the Elon commencement exercises.

A native of Montgomery County, N. C., Mr. Monroe attended Elon College and later went to Atlanta, where he founded the Monroe Landscape and Nursery Company, one of the South's outstanding organizations in the landscape field. He has been president of both the Georgia Landscape and Nursery Association and the Southern Association of Nurserymen and was instrumental in the establishment of the School of Landscape Architecture at the University of Georgia.

In establishing the two annual Monroe Awards at Elon College in 1950, Mr. Monroe stated that he had been impressed in his student years with the importance of Christian education and with the friendly and helpful attitude found on the Elon campus and that he wished to encourage young people to strive for Christian education and good citizenship.

The Monroe Awards are given to one young man and one young woman each year, chosen by the Elon faculty members as students who have made the most improvement during the year in overall development, scholarship and personality. It was in appreciation of Mr. Monroe's continuing interest in such phases of Elon student training that the 1965 Elon annual was dedicated in his honor.

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

Emergency Action In Africa

The Rev. Dr. Clinton M. Marsh of Chicago has been named director of a new five-year Ecumenical Program for Emergency Action in Africa being administered by the All Africa Conference of Churches.

For the past two years Dr. Marsh, 49, has been North Central Area director for the Division of Evangelism of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Dr. Marsh will begin his work in Africa this summer. He will probably work from an office in Nairobi, Kenya.

His new work, he says, will be a "ministry in and to the developing nations of Africa." This will include work with refugees, youth, agricultural development, and efforts to help expand opportunities for secondary education, the lack of which he feels is the "major bottleneck" in the development of African higher education and economics.

Two years ago he was one of those who assisted in the organization of the All Africa Conference of Churches. The continent-wide body includes more than 100 church groups in 42 African nations.

Funds totaling $10 million are being sought to finance the program through the World Council of Churches from its 209 full member and four associate member churches of the Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox, and Old Catholic communions around the world.

The projects listed in the program are those presented by African Christian leaders and government officials as matters of greatest urgency during three surveys made during the past nine months. One of these surveys was conducted by Sir Hugh Foot, (now Lord Caradon), Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Permanent United Kingdom Representative at the United Nations, and Dr. Z. K. Matthews, the World Council's Inter-Church Aid Secretary for Africa.

Dr. Marsh was born in Alabama, where his parents taught in United Presbyterian mission schools for Negroes. He was graduated from one of the schools and went on to another church school, Knoxville College in Tennessee. Following his graduation from Knoxville in 1939, he went to Pittsburgh-Zenia Theological Seminary, which granted him a bachelor of theology degree in 1944. He has taken graduate work at both the University of Pittsburgh and Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis.

Before joining the evangelism staff of the United Presbyterian Church in October, 1963, he was pastor of two churches. From 1946-63 he was minister of Witherspoon United Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, and from 1944-45 pastor of the U. P. church in Chase City, Virginia.

ANOTHER NORTH CAROLINIAN TO KOBE

Miss Sally Esther Kennedy, 1965 graduate of Catawba College, is the new teacher who will be going to Kobe College in Japan this summer. She will be teaching English in the High School Department. She is from Thomasville. Elizabeth Lester, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Lester of High Point, is currently serving at the College.

From The Wilkins' In Turkey

"Doctors, and nurses, and teachers are needed in the mission of the church around the world!"

We wish you could have gone with us to the recent Medical Council meeting of the Near East Mission held in Talas, Turkey. Like us, you would have come home with an empty feeling because some very discouraging decisions had to be made—one or them is this—the Talas-Nute Clinic will be **closed** because no doctor can be found to fill the position of mission doctor there.

Doesn't the thought of closing the clinic distress you enough so that you or someone you know would come to Talas? Talas is the place where our Mission has a Junior High School for Boys and the Outpatient Clinic. I, Beth, a registered nurse, worked there for nearly two years, and I found it a very challenging, rewarding experience. The Talas-Nute Clinic serves the people of the villages in Central Anatolia, and they come from hundreds of miles away. There are village-house-calls by donkey, horse or Landrover. There are such experiences as designing your own Streicher Frame, making braces for a child who has polio, treating all kinds of disease—often types never seen in the USA, and many other medical illnesses. One does some minor surgery, such as amputating a finger, or doing a biopsy.

Occasionally there will be a baby to deliver, taking a corn kernel out of a patient's ear—so your story spreads, and you become known for cleaning people's ears! The doctor is also the school doctor for 150 students.

The nurses go once or twice weekly to villages for well-baby clinics to teach the mothers how to care for their babies. Since the mortality rate of infants is terribly high, it is an area that needs much education in preventive medicine. Dr. Winkler has been in Talas for seven years, and has given of himself to the missionary cause. When no other doctor could be found, he returned to the US to look for one, and then returned to Talas for two more years, thinking maybe some one would come. No one has come yet, so in July the clinic will close.

But we have faith that maybe someone **will come!** Could that be you? (If you are interested please write to us, or better yet, write to the United Church Board for World Ministries, 16th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.)

From: **Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilkins,** Turkey

National Council Articles

A two-article series on The National Council of Churches appeared in the May 15th and June 1st issues of **United Church Herald.** The first was written by the Rev. Fred Hoskins, pastor of the Garden City Community Church, UCC, and was entitled **LEVIATHAN OR LEAGUE?** The second was called **WHERE FROM AND WHERE TO?** and was written by Dr. Benson Y. Landis, editor of **Yearbook of American Churches.**

These articles are excellent resources for discussion by adult groups in local churches. They provide real insights into the National Council of Churches and offer information and inspiration for all concerned with the wider fellowship of which we are a part. Reprints of these articles may be ordered from Central Distribution Service, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. The cost is 10 cents per copy and 5 cents each in quantities of 25 or more.

What's With A Pilgrim Fellowship!

By Richard N. Rinker

A new phrase has started to gain in popularity around the country in United Churches of Christ. It's the **Youth Ministry.** Gradually young people and their adult advisors have gotten over the idea that this is just another name for the Pilgrim Fellowship. The Youth Ministry is an "umbrella" term which includes all ministries to young people within the local church: church school classes for young people, confirmation classes, youth choirs, service groups involving young people, **and** youth fellowships commonly called Pilgrim Fellowship within our denomination.

The Youth Ministry idea can offer some clues to an effective P. F. just as it has clues for the total ministry to young people. We might start off with what P. F. groups should not be.

First, the P. F. is not primarily a **social** organization — it is a **service and exploring** fellowship. What this means will be discovered as we continue.

Second, the P. F. is not an **imitation** of adult church organizations — it is planned to meet the needs and use the abilities of young people, with an **understanding** of who they are and where they find themselves.

Third, the P. F. is not a **substitute** for regular church school or congregational worship — it **supplements** them.

Fourth, the P. F. is not an **exclusive** group — it is an **outreaching and inclusive** fellowship within its age range.

Fifth, the P. F. is not most effectively operating when it involves **ages other** than those for which it is planned — **middle and senior high** schoolers (grades nine through twelve).

Sixth, the P. F. is a **total church responsibility** and not just the concern of the minister and one or two parents.

Finally, the Pilgrim Fellowship cannot be effectively continued with poor planning and slipshod practices.

Purposes

Having disposed of these negative attitudes, we need to look now at the dynamic purposes of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

The word **Pilgrim** suggests exploring, adventuring, believing, and sacrifice. The Youth Ministry supports these qualities as important ones in the church's ministry to its young people.

Young people have a lot of answers to find before they reach adulthood. The P. F. ought to be one of the best places to do some **exploring** for these answers. There is no area of life which is exempt from the standards of the Christian faith — vocations, recreation, boy-girl relations, family life, education. You name it and the standards given by God apply to the decisions young people will need to be making.

Being a part of the P. F. should be **adventurous.** It means fun, work, creative activities, mind-stretching. New ideas need to be examined. Old ideas will require re-evaluating and adoption as personally valid. Ways of doing things and the experience of becoming a discoverer of the value of others, of God, and of self will be parts of the adventure.

The Pilgrim Fellowship is a kind of practical testing place for the **beliefs** that are beginning to mature. By sharing ideas and hearing those of others, and by relating to others according to personal faith — these will help form solid and usable attitudes and a continually growing faith.

These qualities assume certain things about the relationship between young people and their church. For one thing, the **whole** church has a responsibility to (a) continue the Christian nurture of its youth, and (b) provide opportunities through which Christian faith can be related in meaningful ways to the life of youth.

But young people are also members of the church and therefore responsible as (a) participants in its life, (b) sharers in its mission to bear witness to Jesus Christ, (c) growing individuals in terms of their understanding of the church and faith, and (d) seekers after those ways by which their beliefs come to be significant factors in their lives.

These, then, are the purposes of the P. F., as a part of the church's whole Youth Ministry; to serve both as a channel through which the church can fulfill its responsibilities, and as an organization through which young people can be led in ways unique with them in growth and witnessing.

Organization

What does this have to say about organization and people within the Pilgrim Fellowship?

As a **channel for the church,** it suggests competent leadership and adequate resources. One of the most difficult tasks for adult advisors of a P. F. is leading **with** young people instead of leading **over** them. This is the difference, really, between a guide and a puppetmaster. One shows the possible directions and the other makes the feet walk in prejudged pathways. To make mistakes is a privilege of youth — to help young people learn and grow because of their mistakes is a responsibility of adult leadership. In the context of a Christian perspective, here is one of the keys to the adult-youth relationship in organization.

Resources, the materials used for programming and serving, need to be usable only with work. They should not be simply pick'm-up-and-read'm items. If growth is one of the concerns, and if exploration is to have any value, then work is a quality of the fellowship.

These kinds of experiences don't just happen because they are part of the church's program. They require planning. Planning requires a minimum of organization. The important thought to keep in mind is that we don't organize just to be organized or to recognize the popularity of individuals; we organize to fulfill the purposes and provide opportunities in orderly ways. Organization takes place because it's easier to plan with responsibilities clearly established.

Depending on the size of a P. F., there can be from three to ten **officers.** Possibilities include the usual: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, as well as program area chairmen—faith, action, fellowship. Another program area scheme gives a broader breakdown — witness, fellowship, citizenship, outreach, faith. Two adult advisors, a man and a woman, complete the possibilities.

Officers are elected, of course, on the basis of their **abilities** and **willingness to fully share in the responsibilities** to which they are elected. They are not elected because of popularity, though often the two are not in conflict. Those who are not officers need to be aware of what is expected of officers. They ought to be just as aware of their own responsibilities as members who elected their leaders.

Regular meetings, programs planned at least three months in advance, and a chance for everyone to share in the work of the P. F. — these are three musts for effective groups.

Good resources require time for preparation. This is contrary to a common fallacy which believes that the best resources are those most quickly usable. There is no short cut for sound programming. If the purposes have any meaning whatsoever, if you want your group to be a moving and vital fellowship, all must be willing to put time in on it.

The fact that young people are not always willing to make this investment is not necessarily a reflection on their own nature, but perhaps moreso a reflection of the ineffectiveness of adult testimonies that such an investment of time and talents is worth making.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

On Breaking Through

There have been breakthroughs in abundance during recent years. Most of the breakthroughs of the past decade have been because of man's curiosity, self-defense, prestige, fear, or courage. Christian compassion has not often been the motivating power.

It is disturbing to note that even though these breakthroughs have been brought about by factors disassociated from the church's mission, the breakthroughs continue to increase our awareness of the pressing need for Christ-centered breakthroughs.

This is disturbing because a gnawing thought occurs that perhaps God has been making use of the secular world's achievements to get the attention of the church focused on the hunger, hatred, ignorance, illness, godlessness and despair of fellow inhabitants on this chunk of the universe.

The time has arrived for the church to either super-adequately support a witnessing mission or prepare to become an insignificant, self-centered society of piety. The church cannot substitute what it believes will be a glorious hereafter for the relief of pain, despair, hunger, doubt, and deprivation in large portions of our world. Before and while introducing a God of love, it is the task of the church to heal, lift, feed, teach, and provide for. The justifiable conclusion of the world's destitute and hopeless, when the church does not fulfill its mission, is an obvious one.

Breakthrough can be "just another program" among those churches already working hard at increasing understanding and support for the mission around the world and at home. The decision to become involved is squarely the local church's. So is the decision to remain uninformed and passive. Do you remain self-persuaded that you can, in token and with little real knowledge of the whole picture of need, go on record as a hit-or-miss supporter of the church's mission--Christ's mission?

Or do you accept the tools and knowledge for breaking through the wall of need between the world and God?

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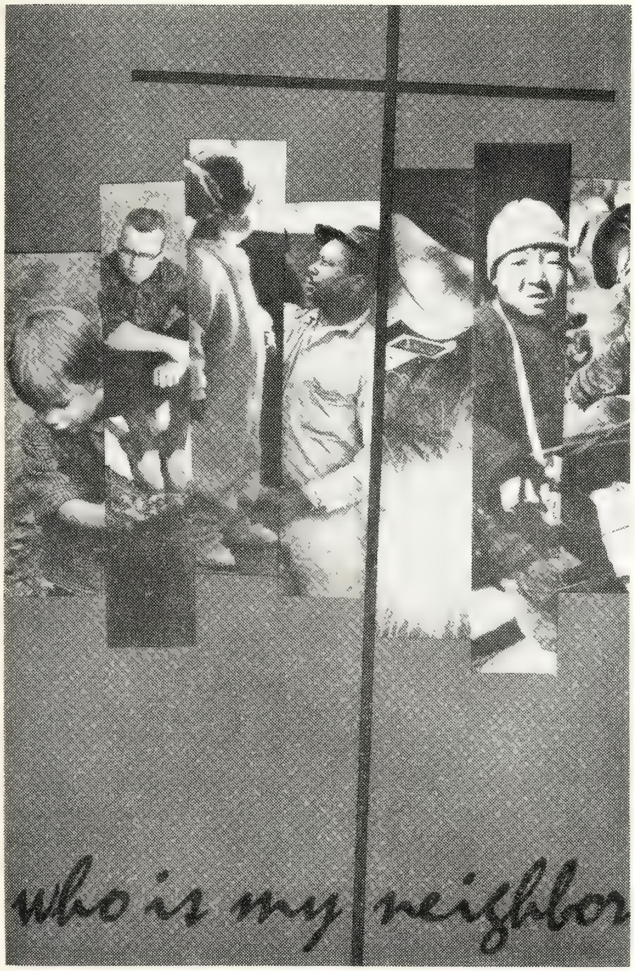

The United Church Sunday Bulletin Service

An Outstanding Resource

This spring, for the first time in the history of the two uniting denominations of the United Church of Christ, local pastors and lay leaders will see the designs of an entire year's series of United Church Sunday Bulletins far in advance of their publication.

A pictorial brochure illustrating all the Sunday and Special Occasion Bulletins for 1965-1966 has recently been sent by the Stewardship Council to all pastors, associate and assistant pastors of churches throughout the denomination. The brochure was published by the Council to acquaint local pastors with the new and exceedingly effective Bulletin series which will be available for the first time this autumn. The series is for use in all local churches subscribing to the United Church Sunday Bulletin Service, and new subscribers may receive the series by writing to the Stewardship Council. The service costs $1.25 per hundred.

The front-cover designs of the new Bulletins utilize New Testament themes for the express purpose of meaningfully relating the gospel to life, worship to mission, and the church to the present-day world. The back cover of each Sunday's issue sets forth both an interpretation of the theme and a concrete example of the work of **Our Christian World Mission** as carried on by the United Church of Christ.

In the illustration pictured here, you see the front cover of the new Bulletin which is planned for use on next September 12, 1965. The theme of the issue is "Who is my neighbor?" This theme appears beneath the design on the front cover. On the back cover appears the explanatory text: ". . . our neighbor is all men . . . the children, the laborers, the school drop-outs, the discriminated against and the discriminators in the neighborhoods of our own land, the struggling new nations, the victims of war and disaster, and those beyond the Iron and Bamboo Curtains in the neighborhood that is our world. Anyone who needs our help and our good will, he is our neighbor and we are his."

To make the issue's theme even more concrete, a specific description of the work of **Our Christian World Mission** appears directly below it. The description is written in the style of **Task Force's** "Moments of Concern," which have proved exceptionally useful to many local congregations.

The effectiveness of United Church Sunday Bulletins has long been recognized by local churches throughout the denomination. Today the Bulletins are the most widely circulated and the most widely read of all United Church publications, reaching 3,400 subscribing congregations and 600,000 United Church members every Sunday, for a total yearly circulation of 31,000,000. The Service has thus become one of the largest such services to local churches to be offered by any Protestant denomination throughout the U. S.

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.
/KJ

Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's
/RSV

Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God!
/Phillips

The relationship between Caesar's "things" and God's "things" is an inescapable one. Two aspects of this relationship are important to us as we seek to give God what belongs to Him.

As Christians, we believe that God is the "owner" of all things. He has invested the world in our lives. We are His stewards — those whose responsibility it is to make effective use of His investment.

It is a fact of life, however, that a large proportion of our fellowmen do not consider this responsibility to be particularly significant. When we try to apply our stewardship through our missionary work, therefore, we discover that we need Caesar's coin to pay for the production of others to meet the needs as we find them around the world. When we would send medicine to Africa, money is needed to purchase the medicine and ship it. When we would supply food to the hungering people of India, we spend money to purchase the food and ship it, whether through taxes or direct giving.

The point is that we cannot say let us witness through the mission of the church — let us give God what is His: our service in mission — without first understanding that this means supporting the costs of such a mission. And this support means the use of that which is Caesar's — money. Without money, the mission collapses in spite of prayer, dedication, concern. Somewhere, someone has to pay for the products used in witnessing to the love of God.

Life Membership & Memorial Project

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND THE REC-NIC FACILITY

For the third year, the Southern Convention Women's Fellowship has selected a Moonelon Center project to be supported with funds received through their Life Membership and Memorials. In 1963, the beds and bedding were installed. In 1964, the kitchen equipment was added. Now, in the 1965-66 biennium, the Rec-nic facility will be their goal.

The Rec-nic facility will be a multiple-purpose building to be used by local church groups coming in for a picnic and by camps and conferences. It will provide sheltered space, bathroom and shower facilities, and a fireplace. The cost will be between $3,600 and $4,000.

Construction will hopefully begin in the fall. The facility will match the dining hall and cabin units—concrete block and shingled roof. The location will be in the general area of the lake, and probably where the volleyball court now is located.

The Life Membership and Memorial Chairman for the Southern Convention Women's Fellowship is Mrs. W. T. Scott, Sr., at Elon College.

BREAKTHROUGH ACCEPTANCE CARDS

Local churches which have not already done so, through their secretaries or ministers, should send back their cards indicating confirmation of the date and time (or hour change if needed) for the visitation by a trained team in BREAKTHROUGH. Cards for the Eastern Virginia churches need to go to Rev. L. Bill Simmons, Box 15126, Chesapeake, Virginia, and for North Carolina to Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, North Carolina.

New Pastor At Ramseur

The **Ramseur Congregational Christian Church** has called the **Rev. Noel Ellis Vandegrift** as pastor, and he has begun his work as of June 1st. Rev. and Mrs. Vandegrift and daughter are now occupying the parsonage and are being warmly received by the Ramseur congregation.

Mr. Vandegrift is a graduate of Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C., and recently served the Rodgers Park United Church of Christ, Kannapolis, N. C. Mrs. Vandegrift is a trained teacher, with special training in library science. We wish for the Vandegrifts and the Ramseur Congregational Christian Church a most happy and long pastorate.

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FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

The Gospel And Urbanization

The gospel is the good news that **God has taken the initiative in reconciling man to himself and to his neighbor.** That good news became incarnate in Jesus Christ and has been witnessed to effectively by people of ancient Jerusalem and modern New York. The content of that Gospel has not changed, but the method of its proclamation has of necessity been adapted to an ever-changing culture and society. That Gospel now seeks to reconcile urbanized and fragmented men to God and to one another. What a tremendous challenge! Will it be successful?

The institutional church for centuries has been the medium through which the Gospel is proclaimed to an ever-changing world. Not always has the institutional church been willing to change its method of witness to meet the new challenge. The institutional church has been defensive concerning adapting its method of proclaiming the gospel for fear of modifying the content of the Gospel itself. **This is a false fear.** The content of the gospel is ageless and sacred, but the method of proclamation should be as current as life itself. The gospel speaks to man's basic needs, which bear little change, but the culture and world in which man lives is in constant flux.

Modern man now lives in an urbanized world. The revolutionary forces of automation, weaponry, and the rising expectation of minorities are at work and will not be halted according to a statement made by Rev. Don Benedict at a recent Ministers' Convocation. The United Church of Christ has been engaged in an Urbanization Emphasis for the past biennium. **The church is just beginning to alert itself in an effort to bring the gospel to bear on men in an urbanized world.** The church must find a way to make the gospel good news to an urbanized society in which the following facts are self-evident:

In 1960, more than 77,000,000 Americans, or **more than 2/5 of the nation lived in poverty or deprivation.** 10,500,000 multi-person families had an annual income of less than $4,000, and almost 4,000,000 single individuals earned under $2,000. While the government declares a war on poverty, should not the church also find ways to make the gospel good news to this segment of our population?

Crime in our country costs $22,000,000 a year. Its marketing strategy is corruption. Last year, a few syndicate bosses paid $4,000,000,000 in graft to public officials and lawmen. This dollar strength, plus their contempt for law is pushing America in the wrong direction. Does not the church have a role in calling on its members to get out to the polls and elect persons to office with a high regard for morality? Does not the church need to get into the public forum and the market place to make a witness for morality and good government?

Senator Clifford Case says that **the United States has about 125,000,000 people located within 212 metropolitan areas.** Between 1950 and 1960, 84% of the total population growth was in these areas. In the next 25 years, the total urban population is expected to increase by another 100,000,000. To accommodate this growth, the United States will have to duplicate in the next twenty years the supplies and capacities of all American cities existing in 1940. This is urban revolution. Does not the Church need to make the gospel relevant to the people in town and country declining areas? Does not the Church have a relevant witness for the changing city with its crime, corruption, housing problems, delinquency, school drop-outs, and assorted ills of changing community?

W. A. Scharffenberg told an audience at American University that **of nearly 6,000,000 known alcoholics in the United States, we will bury 350,000 before the year is out.** He declared that little is done on a national scale to prevent the disease from spreading. He declared that social pressure is the major cause for people drinking more. Surely, good people and organized churches could do more than agitate for more ABC stores, in order to get in the profit column from the sale of alcohol to reduce taxes.

The galleries are full of critics. They play no ball, they fight no fights, they make no mistakes because they attempt nothing. **Down in the arena are the doers. They make mistakes because they attempt great things.** James Keller declared that Henry Ford forgot to put a reverse gear in his first automobile but that did not deter him from moving on with the production of Ford cars. Mr. Ford was not willing to stop because of one mistake.

In an article, "Signals for the Sixties," two ministers of the United Church of Canada said: "During the Bolshevic revolution, two meetings took place simultaneously on the same Moscow street. In one house, met leaders of the revolution. In another, gathered leaders of the orthodox church. The first meeting was making plans that changed the course of modern history. The second was discussing proposed changes in the colors of vestments. Are we much the same today?"

Life Insurance For Ministers

The Annuity Fund of the United Church of Christ is making available to ministers low cost term life insurance in connection with The Annuity Fund retirement program. All ministers should be enrolled, and all churches should help their ministers do so.

The Group Insurance Plan of The Annuity Fund makes possible life insurance in the amount of $10,000 up to age 45, and reducing amounts until retirement, at a low term cost of $50.00 per year. In order to qualify, a minister must be enrolled in The Annuity Fund, which sets aside 11 per cent of the minister's base salary toward the retirement years. Most of our churches provide the 11 per cent annuity in addition to their regular salary for the minister. All churches should do so, both for the retirement of the minister, and for the protection of the church. It is embarrassing for the church and the ministry for a man to come to retirement years without adequate funds for retirement and become a financial liability for the church and community. It is in the self interest of each local church to see that the minister is enrolled in The Annuity Fund and participating in the Group Life Insurance Plan. No church could make a better investment for herself and for her minister.

Is your minister enrolled in The Annuity Fund and is your church paying 11 per cent of the base salary for same? If so, please have your minister consider seriously the Group Life Insurance Plan now being offered to ministers.

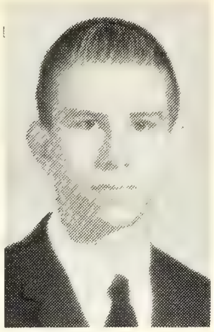
If your minister is now enrolled in The Annuity Fund for his retirement years, please see that it is possible for him to do so at the next meeting of some official group in your church The Board of Deacons, Trustees, or the Finance Committee could take the initiative in this matter. Ministers are often embarrassed to suggest this, for fear someone will think he is more concerned with finance than the gospel. Do not let your minister be embarrassed at this point.

1965 Moonelon Student Summer Service Workers

Jewelle Bass

Linda Powers

Betty Lou Talley



Larry Hall

Jesse Weaver

Each summer, college juniors and seniors participate in a national program of service opportunities called STUDENT SUMMER SERVICE. The young men and women who sign up for this experience become involved in varying kinds of work: local church youth groups, work camps, camp/conference leadership, etc. In 1965 we will be fortunate to have five of these SSS workers at Moonelon Center.

Jewelle A. Bass

A native of South Boston, Virginia, Jewelle has served at Moonelon as an SSS worker in past years. This year she graduated with a B. A. from Elon College with a Religious Education major. She will be working with the maintenance ministry at the Center. "I have found SSS work to be a very rewarding experience. I find that I am not only helping others, but I am growing as a Christian myself."

Linda Ann Powers

Linda Powers will be a junior with an Elementary Education major at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro next fall. She is a member of the Palm Street United Church of Christ in Greensboro. Her responsibilities will include small group leadership and song leading at Moonelon. ". . . Moonelon sounds like the challenge that I am seeking."

Betty Lou Talley

Another South Boston young woman, Betty Lou attends Elon College as an Elementary Education major. She belongs to the Center United Church of Christ in South Boston. She will be sharing in creative activity work and the maintenance ministry at camp this summer. "I like to work with children and I enjoy being close to nature."

Larry J. Hall

A math major at North Carolina State, Larry comes from our Palm Street United Church of Christ in Greensboro. He will be a small group leader and a general resource person at Moonelon. "I feel that the service given will be of immense value in the preparation of myself as a teacher."

Jesse L. Weaver

From the Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Suffolk, and as a biology major at Elon College, Jesse Weaver returns to Moonelon as lifeguard and pool maintenance worker, as well as general camp worker. He will be taking a few hours of classes at Elon while serving at camp.

ON THE EDGE

The Women's Fellowship at **Long's Chapel United Church of Christ in Burlington** had Mrs. Richard Jackson as guest speaker on June 7. She is the wife of the pastor of the Durham UCC and former missionary to China. Her topic was **New Nations.**

Completion date for the new building at **First United Church of Christ, Hampton,** has been set by the contractor as July 10. Following this date immediately will be installation of interior furnishings.

Guest preachers at Warwick United Church of Christ during the summer will include: Chaplain R. C. Archer (Air Force); Chaplain Henry Duhan (Air Force); Rev. L. Bill Simmons (Virginia Field Secretary for the Southern Convention).

John Massey, Student Associate in Christian Education with the Southern Convention, will be the guest speaker at **Lebanon and Lakeview Churches** on June 20.

Great Bridge Congregational Christian Church (UCC) has a goal of 25 people committing themselves to Christ and joining the church during June. Garland B. Bennett is pastor.

A special service of dedication was held at the **Eutaw United Church of Christ in Fayetteville** on June 6. Participating in the service with the pastor, Rev. A. M. Campbell, were Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Dr. W. T. Scott, and Dr. F. C. Lester.

A pulpit exchange was held between Rev. W. T. Joyner and Rev. T. H. Britton on Pentecost Sunday, June 6. The two churches of these pastors, **Lynhaven Colony in Virginia Beach** and **Shelton Memorial in Portsmouth,** also had laymen sharing in the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, of our **Asheville, First Congregational Church (UCC),** will participate in the **United Church Tour** to Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras from June 7 - July 1.

Guest preacher at **Edgewood United Church of Christ in Burlington** on June 6 was Rev. Richard N. Rinker. Mr. Rinker will be the preacher at **Hines Chapel United Church of Christ** on June 27.

Rev. Lowell A. Smoot, pastor of the **First United Church of Christ, Sanford, N. C.,** is conducting revival services at **Fuller's Chapel United Church of Christ** near Henderson, N. C., during the week of June 7-11th. Rev. J. Apple is pastor.

WITNESS

(note: this is the fourth article in a series on the P.F. Planning and Training Conference theme "New Patterns for Old Truths".) witness (wit'ness), n. attestation of a fact or event; testimony; evidence; one who sees or has personal knowledge of anything; one who attests; v.t. to have direct knowledge of; see; give testimony to; see the execution of and subscribe it: v.i. to give evidence. **/Webster's National Dictionary**

Witnessing is, no doubt one of the most important parts of being a Christian. It is, in a manner of speaking, the vitamin of the church's body. It sparks growth and keeps the Church running.

As times have changed this important part has had to see some changes. By attesting the fact of Christ the disciples of old preached out, held secret meetings, and wrote tracts. Witnessing was and is in essence the revelation of belief — through **word** and **action.**

But what is the modern method of witnessing? Well, a preacher can certainly be called a witness of the truest form since he clearly makes his revelation by word and deed. A missionary carries his witnessing into outreach. The social worker leans toward action rather than word in his witnessing. How do you and I witness? Can we seriously say that **saying** we are Christians is enough? We must know why we want to be and are Christians. Also we must show we believe by following the Christian principles. It seems that the major difference in the old way and the new way is that witnessing is a much more personal concern. **We** must be the disciples.

Old truth: revelation of belief through word and action.

New pattern: personal revelation of belief through word and action.

Noel Allen

Eutaw Church P. F.

The Youth Fellowship has been very active this month. The first Sunday Becky Hall gave the program on **Dating Tips for Teens.** The following week they had a panel discussion on **Parent-Teenager Relationships.** The panel consisted of Mrs. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Riley, Mr. Wallace, Elaine Wallace, Susan Pell, Becky Hall, and Ronnie McLaney.

The third week Gigi Joyner gave a program on **Conformists.** On the 22nd they had a weiner roast at the Cumberland Memorial Park. The weiner roast was in honor of Mr. Bob Curtis and David and Roberta Smith. On the 23rd the Fellowship made a trip to Elon and spent a day at the Children's Home with our adopted child Mary Lou Bolton. The transportation was provided by our counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McLaney, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wallace, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Webb.

They ended the month by participating in the Worship Service for the Youth Sunday. Their last program of the year was a film on **Drug Addiction.**

Youth Forum Delegates

Delegates to the **National Youth Forum at Elmhurst College** from June 22-28 will be Vickie Johnson of Suffolk, Rick Kimball of Burlington, and Rev. Thomas Madren of McLeansville. They will represent the Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship at this annual Forum. Elmhurst College is on the outskirts of Chicago.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

Western N. C. P. F. Rally

On Sunday, May 30, 1965 the Western North Carolina Pilgrim Fellowship held a Conference rally at Camp Moonelon. The rally began with a general assembly at 4:00 in the dining hall.

Devotions were given by the Smithwood Church and included several numbers of special music. Next Reverend Richard N. Rinker welcomed the groups to the conference-camp center.

Kermit Voncannon, president of the conference, conducted the business meeting which began with the Secretary's Report, then the roll call. There were fourteen churches in attendance with 207 young people and adults present.

After the treasurer's report Rev. Rinker again took the floor to explain "Operation Icebreaker." Next the offering was taken and the meeting closed with a prayer.

For the program the group was divided into six smaller groups to meet with different discussion leaders. The first group was **Opportunities in Ministry** led by Jayne Yates; second — **Recreation** led by Howard Lowdermilk; third — **Church Camp** led by Rev. Rinker; fourth — **Local Activities** led by Mike Smith; fifth — **Opportunities in College** led by Janice Carter; and sixth — **Christianity in a Racial Crisis** led by David Hatley.

The program was followed by recreation led by Larry Hancock and Mike Smith. A picnic supper was held and the group departed after a closing Vesper service.

Youth Magazine Honored

YOUTH Magazine has been granted the Award of Merit of the Associated Church Press for a precedent shattering fourth consecutive year. Herman C. Ahrens, editor, was praised for the "over-all excellence in content" of the UCC publication.

TRAVEL SEMINAR OPENINGS

There are still openings for boys and girls on the 1965 Travel Seminar to Boston. The cost is $75.00 including meals, lodging and transportation. Stops will be in Washington, Philadelphia, Hartford and Boston, among other places. Director will be Rev. L. T. Wilkins, Jr. Apply for registration to Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

YOUTH EDITOR GAINS AWARD

Noel Allen, editor of the Youth Page for **The Christian Sun**, was presented with the Outstanding Senior Award by the Junior Exchange Club of Burlington this month. He is past president of the Club and received the award at an awards day assembly.

OPERATION ICEBREAKER

Since the last report, the following groups have contributed to the 1964-65 Southern Convention Project to provide cabin heaters at Moonelon: Pilgrim Bible Class, Greensboro Congregational United Church of Christ (20.00); South Norfolk Pilgrim Fellowship (21.67); Rosemont Pilgrim Fellowship (20.00); Women's Fellowship, Greensboro Congregational United Church of Christ (120.00). The total received to date is $520.00. Our goal is $1,500. Has your PF taken its share?

CONSECRATES NEW PARSONAGE — HOLD OPEN HOUSE

First Church, Henderson

The Homecoming service and the service honoring and commemorating the fiftieth year in the pastoral ministry of the Rev. Mr. J. Frank Apple was climaxed on Sunday afternoon with a consecration service for the parsonage and the dedicating of the study furnishings to the memory of Mrs. Lollie J. Apple and in honor of the Rev. Mr. Apple. The service of consecration began at 2:30 o'clock at the parsonage with the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Harry R. Mathis giving the Call to Worship. The Rev. Mr. Elmore M. Powell gave the Invocation and the words of welcome. Miss Judy Seaman, a student at Elon College and member of the church, sang "Bless This House," accompanied by Mrs. Bobby Lee Inscoe. The Rev. Mr. Willis Joiner, pastor of Liberty Vance Congregational Christian Church read the scripture and offered a prayer of Dedication. Mr. Victor L. Langston, chairman of the Board of Deacons and the Administrative Board recognized and introduced the parsonage committee and presented a letter of appreciation from the church, along with a picture of the new parsonage. Mr. W. H. Newman, chairman of the Parsonage Committee received the letter and in response presented the pastor with the key to the house. Receiving the key, the Rev. Mr. Mathis thanked the church for providing such a fine home in which to live and then led in a service of dedication of the home. The Rev. Dr. Clyde Fields, Superintendent of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches then led in a special dedication of the Study and Furnishings. The Doxology was then joined in by those participating in the service. The Rev. Dr. W. W. Leathers, pastor of First Baptist Church, Henderson, pronounced the Benediction. Open house was held from 3:00 o'clock to 6:00 o'clock. Mrs. Victor L. Langston registered the guests as they arrived. Rev. and Mrs. Elmore W. Powell then received the guests and introduced them to the receiving line composed of Rev. and Mrs. Mathis, Rev. Clyde L. Fields, Mr. Victor L. Langston, Mr. V. Edward Rawls, Mr. R. B. Tharrington, Jr., and Mr. W. H. Newman. Serving as hosts and hostesses were members of the parsonage committee. In charge of refreshments were Mrs. T. A. Park, Mrs. V. Edward Rawls, Mrs. Fred McGhee and Mrs. J. J. Daniel.

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The **Union (Surry) Church** has become the second Southern Convention church to fully pay its 1965 apportionment. Pastor of the church is Dr. R. E. Brittle.

Family Day at **Elon College Community Church (UCC)** was observed with a picnic lunch on the church lawn. A memorial service was held following the picnic.

FCC Acts On Office Of Communication Charges

The Federal Communications Commission, in a precedent-setting action, May 20, cracked down on Mississippi broadcasters for racial discrimination as a result of petitions to deny renewal of their licenses filed by the Office of Communication of the UCC.

It was the first major decision by the Federal agency involving charges of racial bias and climaxed more than a year of investigation, petitions and counterpetitions in which the Office of Communication has been involved.

In a decision split 4 to 2, the FCC granted Lamar Life Broadcasting Co. (WLBT television and WJDX radio) only one-year, probationary renewal of license. The minority contended that a full hearing should have been held on the charges, as the UCC agency had urged. The majority held that the stations should be given a year to mend their ways. They were ordered to consult with civil rights leaders on programming to meet the needs of Negro listeners.

The other Jackson TV station (WJTV) against which the Office of Communication filed a petition for denial of license renewal April 15, 1964, was granted a full three-year renewal because it had taken steps to correct the abuses charged against it.

Commenting on the FCC action, Everett C. Parker, Office of Communication director, said he was gratified that the Commission had acted to stop the stations' discriminatory practices. He added, however, "We are disappointed that the FCC was not willing to conduct a public hearing on the charges, even though by its action the Commission seems to have accepted the validity of our evidence."

In its petitions against WLBT and WJTV in 1964 the Office of Communication charged the Mississippi stations with failure to serve the Negro population (more than 40 per cent of the potential audience); discrimination against Negroes in presentation of news and other program material; failure to use courtesy titles for Negroes; discrimination in presentation of controversial issues, especially race relations; failure to use Negroes as entertainers or participants in other live programs; failure to provide adequate religious and public affairs programming and excessive use of commercials.

The FCC ordered the stations to strike a fair balance in religious programming among the churches in the area, white and Negro.

The petitions were the first ever filed by a church group before the FCC asking that stations be deprived of their licenses because of failure to serve the public interest. They were based on monitoring and analysis of an entire week's programming of each station, March 1-7, 1964.

Southern Synod Ordains James Peeler

On June 6, at St. Luke's United Church of Christ in Salisbury, the Reverend James Lee Peeler was ordained to the Christian ministry by the Southern Synod of the United Church of Christ. Participating in the service were: the Reverends Robert E. Myers, pastor of the Crescent Charge of the UCC; Dr. Lee J. Gable, Dean and Professor of Christian Education at Lancaster Seminary; Dr. Banks J. Peeler, President of the Southern Synod; and Mr. Harry S. Drury, President of the Church Council at St. Luke's UCC.

Mr. Peeler is a graduate of Catawba College and Lancaster Seminary. He has accepted a call to serve as pastor of Paul's Chapel United Church of Christ, Lexington, N. C.

Gulf Oil Co. Grant

President J. Earl Danieley receives check from Mr. C. M. Chunn, Gulf Oil Corporation representative.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Elon College today received a cash grant for unrestricted use from Gulf Oil Corporation.

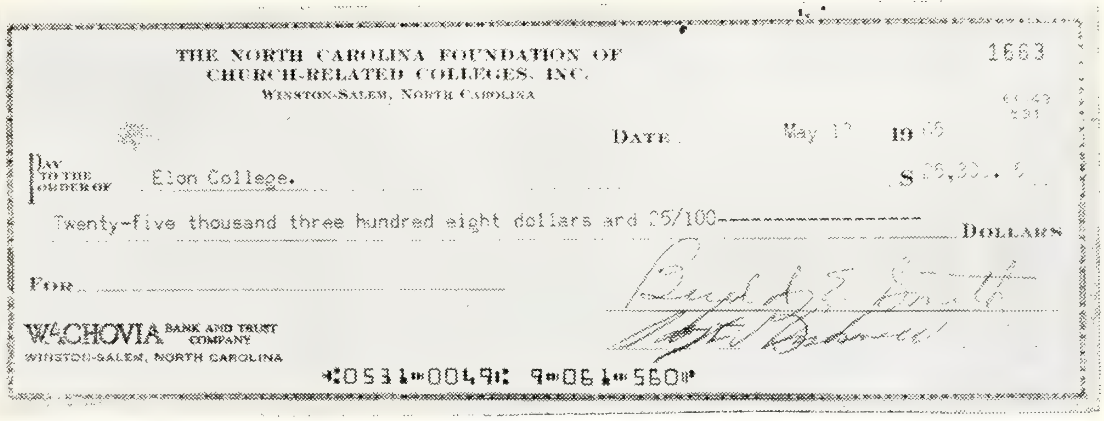
It was one of 584 awards, totaling $595,500 that Gulf will distribute this year as direct, unrestricted grants to as many Universities and Colleges under its Aid-To-Education Program.

In addition to direct grants, the other phases of Gulf's comprehensive Educational Assistance program include capital grants; Gulf merit scholarships to children of employees and annuitants; employee gift-matching to colleges; departmental assistance grants; graduate fellowship; and faculty supplementation grants

Institutions eligible for direct grants are those which are privately operated and controlled, and which obtain a major portion of their financial support from non-tax sources.

The amount awarded to Elon College was $1,000.00, and the check was presented to Dr. J. E. Danieley, President, by Mr. C. M. Chunn, Area Sales Representative of Gulf.

Business & Industry Support Church-Related Colleges



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BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY SUPPORT CHURCH-RELATED COLLEGES. In 1964-65 23 Church-Related Colleges received $513,444.46. Elon College's share was $25,308.25 as indicated by the above copy of a check received in May 1965.

Student Interracial Ministry at Raleigh

Once again The United Church in Raleigh is participating in the Student Interracial Ministry. The church will have a young Negro Divinity Student, Mr. George Champion, from Interdenominational Theological Seminary in Atlanta; he will work with the church beginning in early June. He is a licensed preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the son of a minister from Allendale, Florida.

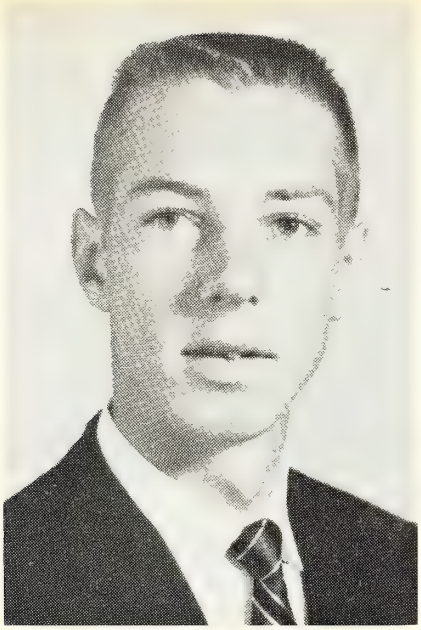
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES PRESENTED BIBLES

High school graduates at **Long's Chapel United Church of Christ** and **Edgewood United Church of Christ,** both in Burlington, were presented with Bibles by their churches. The presentations were made on Pentecost Sunday.

Mrs. J. Loftin Kernodle

Mrs. Alma A. Kernodle, 89, widow of the late Dr. J. Loftin Kernodle of Burlington, North Carolina, passed away at her home on May 28. She had been in failing health for several years. She was a devout member of the First Christian Church, Burlington, and she was a good friend of Elon College. Funeral Services were conducted Sunday, May 30th, by her Minister, Dr. Robert M. Kimball, at the First Christian Church and burial was in Pine Hill Cemetery, Burlington .

Holy Scriptures have been translated by the American Bible Society since 1816 into the languages of the following American Indian nations: Apache, Arapahoe, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Choctaw, Comanche, Dakota, Delaware, Eskimo Barrow, Eskimo Kuskokwim, Hopi, Iroquois, Keres, Mohawk, Muskogee, Navajo, Nez Perces, Ojibwa, Seneca, Winnebago.



A. JOHNNIE MASSEY

Asheville Calls Wilson Busick

Rev. Wilson L. Busick, pastor of Pfafftown United Church of Christ, has submitted his resignation on May 30th, to accept the call of the First Congregational Christian Church of Asheville, N. C., effective September 1st.

Mr. Busick is a graduate of Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C., and has been serving the Pfafftown congregation for the past two years.

We wish for Mr. Busick and the Asheville Church an effective and successful pastoral relationship. The Asheville Church has purchased a piece of property for relocation.

SOME MOONELON CAMPS ARE FULL!

Registrations for the following camps have reached the limit as noted:

Junior Age I — girls filled (June 27 - July 3)

Junior High II — girls filled (July 25-31)

Parents and pastors contemplating sending in registrations should plan accordingly and get in registrations as soon as possible.

BREAKTHROUGH

More than sixty churches of the Southern Convention have now indicated their desire to share in the Stewardship Education program called Breakthrough which will be carried out by trained visitors from September 12-19. Churches which have not yet returned their acceptance cards indicating confirmation of the visitation date and time are urged to do so at once.

Student Associate

Sharing In Christian Education Experiences

During the summer, Mr. Johnnie Massey, native of Burlington and a rising sophomore at Elon College, will serve with the Southern Convention as **Student Associate In Christian Education**, working with the Reverend Richard N. Rinker in all phases of Christian Education.

Mr. Massey serves under the auspices of the **Student Aid for Christian Education Career Development** program. This is a scholarship program of modest resources financed through an item in the budget of the Division of Christian Education, United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. It is especially designed to address itself to the complex of problems and opportunities of Christian Education Career Development among promising young people.

A graduate of Williams High School, Mr. Massey will be carrying a double major in Mathematics and Philosophy at Elon. He is a member of the **Beverly Hills United Church of Christ**, where he has been active in the choir, a member of the Explorer Scouts, and past president of the Pilgrim Fellowship. Next year he will be vice president of the Elon College Ministerial Association, a fellowship of students committed to full-time Christian service as their vocation.

Mr. Massey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Massey of Burlington, North Carolina. He has already shared in several meetings and participated in worship services and church school teaching experiences. Part of his responsibilities will include work in the camp and conference program.

1965 Church School CONVENTIONS

Western North Carolina
Pleasant Union Church
June 20 — Begins 2:30

North Carolina & Virginia
Union Ridge Church
June 22 — Begins 9:30

Eastern North Carolina
Liberty Vance Church
June 27 — Begins 3:00

Eastern Virginia
Suffolk Bethlehem Church
July 20 — Begins 6:30

The theme for the three North Carolina Church School Conventions will be MISSION: THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING. The speaker at North Carolina and Virginia Convention will be Mrs. F. C. Lester; at Eastern and Western North Carolina Conventions, the speaker will be Rev. Richard N. Rinker. The Eastern Virginia Convention begins with a banquet at 6:30.

These four Church School Conventions are planned for church school teachers, administrators, parents, ministers and concerned individuals. The North Carolina sessions will center around the missions theme for 1965-66, **Mission: The Christian's Calling** and adult education using the Friendship Press resources.

More On Day Care Center

May 31, 1965

Dear Friends:

One month ago our Day Care Center, our newest service, got underway. We began our program on May 3rd with four children. On the date of the writing of this letter (June 1) we have eleven boys and girls in care. These children range in age from 3 to 5 years old.

We are most happy to have two very fine persons working in our program. The director of our Center is Miss Maxine Bean, of Granite Falls, who is a 1964 graduate of Elon College. Assisting Miss Bean is Mrs. Delores Overby of Burlington. Mrs. Overby has been interested in our Home over the years, having children from our Home in her home to visit from time to time. We feel most fortunate in having these two persons working in this program.

We know that the Day Care Center will be a great benefit to families in which both parents work away from the home. In this way, the father and mother can be assured that their small children will be adequately cared for while they are at work.

This new service was initiated with the help of the Day Care Division of the State Welfare Department.

The Center located in the basement of Holt Memorial Chapel is completely furnished with new furniture designed for small children.

With the proper equipment and a well-trained staff, we believe this service will offer much to those in its care. Whenever you visit our Home for Children, we hope you will remember to see the Day Care Center which is offering a new service for boys and girls 3 to 5. This means now that we are licensed for group care, foster care and now day care.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

REPORT FOR MAY 31, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 200.67
Eastern North Carolina Conference	60.00
Western North Carolina Conference	62.00
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	79.00
Total	$ 401.67
Special Offerings	
Miss Helen Videto, Montpelier, Vermont	15.00
Women's Fellowship, First Cong. Church, Vernon, Connecticut	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Vahey S. Gulezian, Andover, Mass.	25.00
New Hope Christian Church, Roanoke, Alabama	10.00
Monroe Circle, Women's Fellowship, Cypress Chapel Church, Suffolk, Virginia	5.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. Caleb D. West (4 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mrs. Selma Jones Pierce	
In Memory of Mrs. Eula Medlin	
Total Memorial Gifts	60.00
Special Offerings	754.35
Total	$ 884.35
Total for the Week	$1,286.02

"LET'S STOP TRYING TO PLAY GOD"

Victory Through Surrender

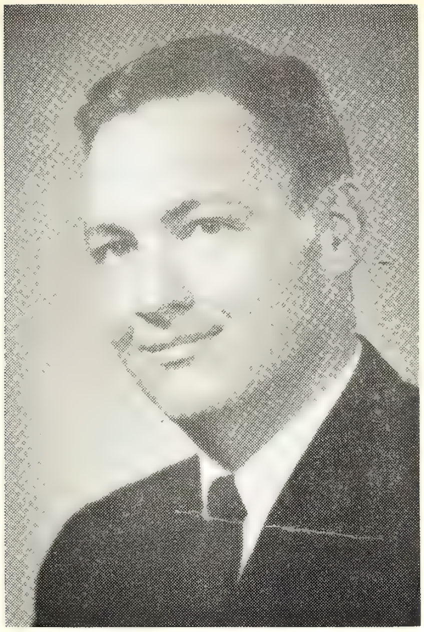
It is a paradox that, with some things, the harder we try the less we are successful. Conquering the disease of alcoholism is an example. It would seem that one might most successfully overcome the habit of excessive drinking by fighting the habit with all of his determination and resolve. Alcoholics Anonymous has found instead that one of the first steps toward the achievement of any kind of victory over alcoholism is for the individual to "admit that he is powerless over alcohol and that his life has become unmanageable." Speaking of his own strength, a member of AA said recently, "The only way to win in this battle is to surrender." That is a paradox which applies to much more than the disease of alcoholism.

If we ever find an abiding sense of victory and peace in our lives, it will not be a result of our having tried "awfully hard" to be good and to win the battle of faith; it will be a result of our having learned to surrender ourselves, in the equally appropriate words of the second step of Alcoholic Anonymous, to "a Power greater than ourselves who restores us to sanity." So long as we trust in our own strength to control our own destiny, to see that other people "live right," and to order the affairs of the world, we will be shallow, frantic, frustrated, and defeated persons. The wise swimmer does not "fight" the water in order to keep himself afloat. He relaxes himself and allows the natural bouyancy of the water to support him. There is also a "bouyancy" — a source of sustaining energy — in the universe, and we are invited to cast on this Power beyond ourselves our concern for ourselves, for other people, and for the world. To say it more bluntly, we are invited to relax and stop trying to play God.

Of course, we are not to relax completely. The swimmer who relaxes completely sinks just as sure as the swimmer who fights the water. We are under obligation to engage in the work of the world — in the effort to make the world a better place — but we are to do this work always with a healthy awareness and appreciation of the things we **cannot** do. A sense of victory comes to us as we "stand still" in wonder and amazement and "see the salvation of God" taking place — like a gardner who cultivates the soil rejoicing in the life, uncreated by himself, which springs up before him and flourishes. When renewal of the life of a congregation occurs we assume a similar attitude. We can never take God's place. We are miserable when we try.

Being God is hard work — impossible work for people who are not God — and if we are vain enough to attempt the immense task of controlling human existence we are to be pitied. To those of us who are not fully convinced of our own inadequacy and of the absolute sufficiency of a Power greater than ourselves, the divine Word for us is this: "Be still, and know that I am God."

Rev. Wm. T. Joyner



Dr. A. Warren Matthews Called To The Christian Temple, Norfolk

Dr. Warren Matthews is Pastor of the **First Congregational Church in Topeka, Kansas.** He was born in 1930 to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Matthews of Greensboro, North Carolina. Mrs. Matthews, the former Virginia Jernigan, is also a native of North Carolina. They have two children, Christopher Warren, born in 1960, and Julia Anne, born in 1961.

Dr. and Mrs. Matthews graduated from **Elon College** in 1952 and in 1954. They were married on June 1, 1954. In 1952 Warren Matthews became a student at **The Hartford Seminary Foundation in Hartford, Connecticut.** Upon receiving his B. D. degree in 1955 and a scholarship for graduate study, he attended **Harvard University one year.** In 1956 he and Mrs. Matthews moved to St. Andrews, Scotland, where they lived for two years. In 1959 the **University of St. Andrews** awarded him the Ph. D. degree for his thesis **Saint Augustine from Neo Platonism to Christianity.**

Dr. Matthews has worked in churches in North Carolina, Virginia, Connecticut, Nebraska, Kansas, and Scotland. From 1958 to 1960 he was **Dean of the Chapel and teacher of Religion and Philosophy at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska.** Since 1960 he has been senior minister of First Congregational Church in Topeka, Kansas. The church is a hundred and ten years old. It has a staff of seven and a membership of over a thousand.

In the Kansas Oklahoma Conference of the United Church of Christ, Dr. Matthews is currently chairman of the Committee on Church and Ministry and a member of the Conference Council serving as chairman of the Scholarship Committee and as a member of the Administrative Committee. In the Topeka Council of Churches he is chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Cabinet and a regular member of the weekly television panel **Your Question Please.**

In the community, Dr. Matthews is a trustee of Washburn College, a director of Brewster Place, a new 2½ million dollar retirement home, and a member of the Home Service Board of the American Red Cross, and a member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club.

Dr. Matthews' interest in academic work has led him to further study at National Training Laboratories in Bethel, Maine, and at the Menniger Foundation in Topeka. He is a member of the American Association of University Professors and the American Academy of Religion.

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Working With Youth In Honduras

"To see teen-agers . . . extending an invitation . . . to attend the church service is a thrilling experience."

Typical of one of the small Honduran mountain villages is Los Egidos, a cluster of 20 small homes of adobe and clay tile. Here each Saturday afternoon we are greeted by 20 young children who come running to our "open-air" classroom, ready to hear the stories of the Bible and to sing and pray as they learn of the evangelical faith. This short hour visit each week is their only opportunity to hear of the love of Christ for them. We are grateful for the time with these young ones and for the members of our Yoro congregation who initiated these visits to Los Egidos. The Yoro pastor also accompanies us to teach an adult class of 4 or 5 members who are learning to give their Christian testimony in a village where they are the only believers.

We thank God for the faith of the youth of the Yoro church who share the responsibility of carrying the Good News to villages beyond their own. To see teen-agers offering tracts, reading the Bible, and extending an invitation (to often indifferent strangers) to attend the church services is a thrilling experience. As they participated in a youth retreat they began to search for new ways of serving their neighbors in the community. There is no hesitation at the Tuesday evening prayer meetings, as these young Christians offer their prayers and their lives to the Lord.

From: **The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Trauger**
Honduras

A PRAYER FOR THY CHURCH

By Mary H. Booth

Almighty God, we thank Thee for the Christian church. We rejoice that you did move the followers of our Lord in the power of his resurrection to establish this community of believers in which we share, and that in our troubled day neither persecution nor turmoil nor war has broken our fellowship with Christ.

Give Thy church, O God, a new urgency before the heavy demands and high opportunities of this day. Endue it with fresh awareness of its power in Thee.

Grant to Thy Church a new vision and a new charity, new wisdom and fresh understanding, the revival of her brightness and the renewal of her unity; that the eternal message of Thy Son, undefiled by the traditions of men, may be hailed as the good news of the age. Amen.

SOUTHERN CONVENTION BOX 247 — ELON COLLEGE, N. C. 27244

(ACTING CONFERENCE. UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST)

REPORT OF RECEIPTS FOR APPORTIONMENT

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

PAID 1-1-65 TO 6-3-65

N. CAROLINA & VIRGINIA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Bethlehem	1,937	968.48	968.52	23
Asheville	2,261	590.00	1,671.00	00
Belew Cr.	674	150.00	524.00	00
Monticello	946	236.50	709.50	13
Bethel	991	00	991.00	14
Bev. Hills	2,479	1,030.00	1,449.00	00
Carolina	884	368.30	515.70	17
Edgewood	627	00	627.00	00
Burl., 1st	6,234	2,623.59	3,610.41	117
Hopedale	649	168.00	481.00	00
Lakeview	473	170.00	303.00	00
Long's Ch.	1,200	500.00	700.00	00
Union Ridge	2,982	700.00	2,282.00	00
Zion	294	00	294.00	00
Durham	3,135	1,100.00	2,035.00	227
Berea	473	00	473.00	00
Elon Col. Co.	3,114	400.00	2,714.00	130
Concord	688	00	688.00	20
Shal. Ford	1,479	200.00	1,279.00	00
Apple's Ch.	2,796	932.00	1,864.00	00
Gibsonville	621	62.50	558.50	00
Gra. Prov.	1,123	200.00	923.00	00
Greensboro:				
Calvary	423	15.00	408.00	00
Cong.	6,655	2,218.24	4,436.76	962
Palm St.	2,315	1,157.70	1,157.30	00
St. Peter's	683	109.84	573.16	00
Pleas. Ridge	490	400.00	90.00	87
Haw River	1,341	341.00	1,000.00	00
Hendersonv.	1,805	00	1,805.00	49
Kallam Gr.	377	00	377.00	00
Hines Ch.	1,565	652.13	912.87	97
Mebane	125	00	125.00	00
Mt. Zion	1,386	600.00	786.00	6
Pfafftown	759	00	759.00	00
Reidsville	4,290	00	4,290.00	993
Howard's Ch.	249	00	249.00	00
N. Lebanon	1,000	109.90	890.10	00
Hap. Home	1,263	00	1,263.00	00
Lebanon	526	00	526.00	00
Mt. Bethel	400	00	400.00	00
Tryon	3,715	1,605.00	2,110.00	680
Salem Ch.	666	125.00	541.00	00
W.-Salem	1,248	624.00	624.00	6
Rocky Ford	264	00	264.00	00
Danv., Va.	3,789	00	3,789.00	25
Pleasant Gr.	1,030	00	1,030.00	00
Lynchburg	605	00	605.00	00
Liberty, Va.	1,061	00	1,061.00	5
Hebron	272	68.00	204.00	00
So. Boston	1,162	00	1,162.00	00
Ingram	859	400.00	459.00	00
Union, Va.	2,347	1,250.00	1,097.00	00
TOTALS	78,730	20,075.18	58,654.82	3,471

THE MISSION OF YOUR CHURCH DEPENDS ON YOUR REGULAR AND FAITHFUL SUPPORT.

WESTERN N. CAROLINA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Albemarle	2,127	886.15	1,240.85	00
Asheboro	1,915	478.75	1,436.25	00
Bailey's Gr.	132	00	132.00	00
Pleasant Cr.	508	254.00	254.00	00
Pleasant Un.	398	50.00	348.00	00
Spoon's Ch.	355	355.00	00	00
Union Gr.	640	250.00	390.00	00
Bennett	49	00	49.00	00
Pleasant Gr.	1,330	00	1,330.00	00
Biscoe	210	00	210.00	00
Flint Hill (M)	345	58.00	287.00	00
Big Oak	507	17.01	489.99	00
Ether	474	114.00	362.00	00
High Point	669	200.00	469.00	00
Liberty	794	00	794.00	00
Pleas. Hill	2,057	1,700.00	357.00	166
Smithwood	964	198.50	765.50	00
Antioch (C)	534	133.50	400.50	00
Hanks' Ch.	1,536	787.00	773.00	98
Ramseur	1,124	603.00	521.00	00
Pleas. Ridge	1,664	832.00	832.00	00
Shiloh	247	00	247.00	00
Randleman	1,150	483.00	667.00	3
Randleman M.		25.00	00	00
Brown's Ch.	644	00	644.00	00
Prov. Ch.	163	00	163.00	00
Grace's Ch.	687	39.35	647.65	00
Northview	456	00	456.00	00
Zion	725	00	725.00	00
Seagrove	551	200.00	351.00	9
Antioch (R)	483	00	483.00	00
Needham's Gr.	648	200.00	448.00	00
New Center	274	00	274.00	00
Siler City	210	00	210.00	00
Sophia	600	153.45	446.55	30
Flint Hill (R)	294	00	294.00	00
Shady Gr.	287	00	287.00	00
Mt. Pleasant	552	200.00	352.00	47
TOTALS	26,303	8,217.71	18,136.29	353

EASTERN N. CAROLINA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Special
Pleasant Hill	270	00	270.00	00
Ebenezer	709	00	709.00	00
Damascus	483	200.00	283.00	15
Martha's Ch.	203	00	203.00	00
Bethel	177	20.00	157.00	00
Ch. Hill, U.	1,445	400.00	1,045.00	71
Clayton	537	218.00	319.00	00
Amelia	1,060	530.00	530.00	6
Fayetteville	1,037	261.75	775.25	00
Mt. Carmel	318	00	318.00	00
Pope's Chapel	438	109.00	329.00	00
Chris. Light	605	00	605.00	00
Garner, Trin.	658	00	658.00	17
Hayes Chapel	680	00	680.00	00
Mt. Hermon	408	00	408.00	00
Henderson	2,303	00	2,303.00	00
Fuller Ch.	894	596.00	298.00	51
Lib. Vance	2,126	612.00	1,514.00	00
Hope Mills	238	97.10	140.90	00
Bethlehem	390	00	390.00	00
Mt. Gilead	438	158.00	280.00	20
New Hope	722	00	722.00	6
Mt. Auburn	727	00	727.00	00
Chris. Ch.	211	00	211.00	00
Morrisville	196	100.00	96.00	22
New Elam	918	00	918.00	00
Niagara	94	00	94.00	00
Auburn	709	730.00	303.00	00
Piney Plain	949	00	949.00	00
Plymouth	546	00	546.00	00
Raleigh, U.	2,183	00	2,183.00	00
Raleigh, W.	558	32.25	525.75	00
Sanford, 1st	2,211	92125	1,289.75	4
Lee's Chapel	427	00	427.00	00
Moore Union	362	00	362.00	00
Shallow Well	2,143	250.00	1,893.00	00
Turner's Ch.	530	00	530.00	00
So. Pines	3002	750.00	2,252.00	00
Wake Ch.	2,566	600.00	1,966.00	00
Beulah	997	00	997.00	00
Youngsville	288	100.00	188.00	20
Good Hope	333	28.20	304.80	00
Oak Level	525	225.50	299.50	00
Antioch	367	100.00	267.00	00
TOTALS	36,981	7,039.05	30,265.95	232

EASTERN VIRGINIA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Special
Bayside	2,057	400.00	1,657.00	00
Rosemont	4,764	4,100.00	664.00	438
Oakland	2,763	1,382.00	1,381.00	230
Dendron	180	129.95	60.50	00
Union, Sur.	112	112.00	00	00
Beth., Disp.	386	00	386.00	00
Centerv.	231	115.50	115.50	00
Berea, Nans.	1,457	300.00	1,157.00	00
Mt. Zion	520	184.00	336.00	20
New Lebanon	64	00	64.00	00
Franklin	3,158	00	3,158.00	81
Hunterdale	2,198	140.00	2,058.00	36
Hamp., 1st	4,023	00	4,023.00	00
Holland	1,740	870.00	870.00	00
Holy Neck	1,844	406.25	1,437.75	00
Hopewell	723	100.00	623.00	00
Isle of Wight	409	209.00	200.00	00
Lynnhaven	1,490	00	1,490.00	106
Warwick	1,606	750.00	856.00	33
Norfolk				
Bayview	1,797	500.00	1,297.00	65
Central	757	40.00	717.00	40
Chris. Tem.	6,410	2,670.84	3,739.16	93
Gt. Bridge	3,025	1,010.00	2,015.00	12
Little Creek	471	75.00	396.00	00
Portsmouth				
First	1,402	225.00	1,177.00	25
Shel. Mem.	1,315	270.00	1,045.00	00
United	1,291	71.00	1,220.00	00
Prince Geo.	442	100.00	342.00	39
Rich., 1st	1,623	248.00	1,375.00	00
S. Norfolk	4,476	1,492.00	2,984.00	00
Beth., Nans.	4,371	1,402.27	2,968.73	150
Suf., Chris.	7,991	1,625.00	6,366.00	00
Cypress Ch.	2,104	00	2,104.00	00
Lib. Sprg.	2,317	624.00	1,693.00	5
Va. Beach				
First	968	100.00	868.00	139
Pem. Manor	300	00	300.00	00
Wakefield	599	127.00	472.00	10
Barrett's	93	00	93.00	00
Burtons Gr.	206	52.26	153.74	00
Mt. Carmel	828	262.20	565.80	00
Waverly	1,498	00	1,498.00	3
Spring Hill	220	67.74	152.26	5
Windsor	1,678	913.07	764.93	54
Antioch	575	250.00	325.00	00
Eure	1,417	00	1,417.00	00
Damascus	1,002	00	1,002.00	00
Oak Grove	244	00	244.00	00
TOTALS	79,145	21,324.08	57,831.37	1,584

NOTES FROM THE DESK

HAM AND ACHES

Noah had three sons: Shēm, Ham, and Japheth, (Gen. 5:32; 6:10; 9:18). Ham was the father of Cush, Egypt, Put, and Canaan, (Gen. 10:6). In terms of geographical location, Cush = Ethiopia; Egypt = Egypt; Put = Libya; Canaan = Western Palestine including Phoenicia.

Ham, along with his married brothers and father, shared in the ark experience. Following the flood, he also was included in the divine blessing and covenant, (Gen. 9:1-18). Because of Ham's observation of his sleeping, unclothed father, the son of Ham (Canaan) was cursed by Noah, (Gen. 9:25-27). Canaan, accordingly, was to be a slave of slaves to his brothers.

Several observations are possible about this biblical account of the origins of tribes and nations. First, Noah and not God did the cursing. In whichever translation it is read, the curse came after Noah had awakened from a drunken sleep.

Second, for some reason it was not Ham, the guilty, who was directly cursed, but his son, Canaan. Contrary to what the curse implied, the descendents of Ham were far from slaves. In fact at least two of Ham's grandsons became progenitors of highly developed civilizations: Egypt and Phoenicia. From these civilizations came the beginnings of engineering and the written alphabet.

Third, there is an important truth in the account of Noah, Ham, and Canaan. It comes forth in spite of distorted interpretations used for ungodly ends. We sometimes react with indignation to the actions of others----even when we are to a large degree responsible for why they acted as they did. In anger we lash out defensively and punitively, just as Noah did. Our anger is frequently less than rational. As was the case with Noah, it reveals the shallow humanity of our being all too clearly.

It remains our good fortune that God can and does act historically and spiritually to deny these outbursts of self-justification and anger on our parts. The development of Man has pointed out this fact. God has nurtured mankind by the ideas and achievements of Egyptians, Phoenicians, Jews, Roman Catholics, Protestants, caucasians, negroes, conquered, victors, strong, weak, and virtually every condition of men.

It is further our good fortune that we live in a time when opportunities for greater nurture than ever before are being opened to us. We have the technology, the communications, the time, and the resources to be used for God in ways never dreamed of by our forefathers in the faith. We have no time to be misdirected from this purpose by temporarily irrational voices crying out in our midst.

We need to be reminded over and over again that it is not nearly enough to be forever against this or that. Unless we speak for those truths given by God, both verbally and in action, the church becomes a declaimer of the world and finds itself solitarily withdrawn from those to whom it ought to be witnessing.

Not without some pain do we recognize our responsibilities right where we are. Not without grimaces of self-judgment do we cease in our cursings and take up these responsibilities.

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Breakthrough Participation

Nearly ninety churches in the Southern Convention have now indicated their desire to share in the **Every Church Visitation** scheduled for September 12-19. The following, by conferences, are included:

North Carolina & Virginia

Hendersonville
Belew's Creek
Salem Chapel
Liberty (Va.)
Ingram
So. Boston
Hebron
Virgilina
Bethel
Concord
Union Ridge
Long's Chapel
Lakeview
Lebanon
Hines Chapel
Palm Street, Greensboro
Monticello
St. Peter's, Greensboro
Shallow Ford
Lynchburg
Haw River
Reidsville
Zion
Winston-Salem
Elon College Community
Beverly Hills, Burlington
Durham UCC

W. North Carolina

Albemarle
Asheboro
Pleasant Hill, Liberty
Hank's Chapel
Randleman
Sophia
Smithwood, Liberty
Liberty
Pleasant Ridge, Ramseur

E. North Carolina

Chapel Hill United
Amelia, Clayton
Plymouth, Raleigh
Henderson First
Raleigh United
Shallow Well, Sanford
Southern Pines
Wake Chapel
Pope's Chapel
Oak Level
Mt. Gilead
Damascus, Chapel Hill
Turner's Chapel
Morrisville
Mt. Auburn

Eastern Virginia

Berea
Holland
Damascus
Bethlehem
Oakland
Holy Neck
Oak Grove
Liberty Spring
Mt. Zion
Franklin
Eure
Hunterdale
Waverly
Spring Hill
Hopewell
Wakefield
Dendron
Burton's Grove
Centerville
Prince George
Bayside
Central
South Norfolk
Portsmouth United
Warwick
Lynnhaven Colony
Christian Temple
Rosemont
Shelton Memorial
Newport News
Pembroke Manor
Bayview
Great Bridge
Little Creek
First, Va. Beach

Churches which have not yet sent back their return acceptance cards should do so immediately. Cards were sent to pastors and church secretaries several weeks ago.

BREAKTHROUGH is the name of the significant thrust into missionary and stewardship education being made across the nation by our denomination. Teams of trained leaders will be visiting church leaders to share needs and potentials. Further details may be secured in Eastern Virginia from Rev. L. Bill Simmons, Box 15126, Chesapeake, Va., and in North Carolina from Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C.

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

/KJ

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

/RSV

Happy are the pure in heart, for they will see God!

/Phillips

Symbolically, the heart is the throne or the cell of the soul. It is the seat, brilliantly or darkly, for our feelings and our understanding. It is the life-giving center of our existence. As a symbol for responsive life, it represents compassion or hardness, love or hatred, goodness or wickedness. It symbolizes what we are.

If we could say we always loved, always felt compassion, always epitomized goodness, then the purity of our hearts would help reveal God to us. We would see Him at work through us and others. We would discover the beauty of His creation, the wonder of life, the meaning of the awesome spectacle of man gazing out into an awaiting universe.

Were we able to suggest honestly that our lives went on daily free of hardness of heart, or hatred, or wickedness, then we could see God in an infinite assortment of ways, not as a tangible reality but as an eternal reality discernable only to the pure in heart.

Merger On The Local Level

The First Congregational Christian Church of Portsmouth, Virginia, organized in 1901, has voted to merge with **Portsmouth United Church of Christ,** organized in 1958. A special Service of Merger will be held at Portsmouth United Church on Sunday, July 4, at 11:00 A. M., led by supply pastor, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle. This merger on the local level in Portsmouth was brought about by the rapid urban change, which has taken place in the vicinity of the Church. The decision to merge with Portsmouth United came after a series of studies made in recent years and a more recent study made by Rev. Robert C. Hultman and leaders of the First Congregational Christian Church.

Portsmouth First Church has had a long and illustrious history. Some of the finest ministers in the Southern Convention have served the Church as pastors. Outstanding lay leaders have made contributions to the Eastern Virginia Conference, and to the Southern Convention. The Church has always provided its fair share of stewardship support of Our Christian World Mission. The Church has established a record of which it has no reason to be ashamed.

Portsmouth United Church of Christ, organized in 1958, under the leadership of Rev. Melvin Dollar, is located in one of the residential areas where continued growth can take place. The additional membership, financial and leadership resources, and the other positive values brought about by the merger of these two congregations should enable Portsmouth United Church of Christ to take its place as one of the outstanding churches in the Eastern Virginia Conference.

We applaud these two fine congregations for the wholesome, practical, and fine Christian way in which this merger has been brought about. The leadership of Rev. Bill Simmons and Dr. H. S. Hardcastle has been of inestimable value. **This is a splendid example of what can happen when two congregations made up of faithful people of God and ministerial leadership possessed of a forward, progressive spirit, set their minds and hearts to finding a solution of a problem common to many congregations in these changing times of urbanization and community change.**

Could not First Congregational Christian Church and Portsmouth United Church of Christ of Portsmouth, Va., point the way for many of the congregations in the Southern Convention located in close proximity of one another, which might find good and practical reasons why churches can merge on the local level to the best interests of all concerned?

Clyde L. Fields

Training For Camp Staffs

About sixty small group leaders met at Moonelon Center on June 12 for training as camp workers at John's River and Moonelon Center this summer.

Beginning with fellowship singing at 9:00, and ending with worship at 3:00, the joint training sessions included a presentation on camp/conference philosophy, age group meetings, and time for directors to meet their respective staffs.

Age group leaders were the Reverends Alan Rohrbaugh of Winston-Salem (Junior Age); John Lackey from Norfolk (Junior High); Wayne Fouts of Thomasville (Middle High) and Don Flick from Hickory (Senior High). Resource leaders for the age groups included the Reverends Richard M. Petersen, Elon College; Larry Fisher, China Grove; Porter Seiwell, Salisbury.

Lunch was prepared by a changing assortment of workers using food which can be adapted for camp group meals.

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FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

What Is This "Our Christian World Mission"?

We use the term **Apportionment** and, more recently, the phrase, **Our Christian World Mission** to indicate to churches certain goals for sharing in the mission work of our denomination. The meaning of **Our Christian World Mission** was brought more sharply to my attention by the generous gift from the Daily Vacation Bible School of the Eure Congregational Christian Church at Eure, North Carolina, recently.

A letter from the pastor of the Eure Church, Rev. Rosser Lee Clapp, and the Treasurer, Mr. Dalton B. Felton, contained a check for $42.68 from the young people of the Daily Vacation Bible School held in the local church. The letter directed that the money be applied to the work of missions in our country and overseas in an equal manner. This set me to thinking about what this money would help do. These are some of my thoughts.

Our Christian World Mission is a term describing the stewardship sharing of money in the effort of the church of Jesus Christ to bring people into a redemptive relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This gives individuals and the local churches of the Southern Convention an opportunity to share their dollars in providing a mission of people to persons in our behalf. This does not relieve us of our personal responsibility to be a missionary within the sphere of our own influence. It means that our witness for Jesus Christ is expanded beyond our geographical reach through a ministry made possible by our financial gifts in the name of Christ.

The Christian gospel declares God's love for migrants, slum dwellers, minority peoples, changing communities, urbanized man, displaced persons, alcoholics, beatniks, nice respectable persons, persons from across the tracks, people of every race, people in every geographical area, and sinners in high and low places. We have heard the good news of the gospel and rejoice in its personal application to our own salvation. This salvation we have received through others who have faithfully proclaimed God's good news since the early disciples set out to change the world for Jesus Christ. Now, the mission for the next generation lies with our faithfulness.

Our Christian World Mission, then, is to be faithful in our witness to the salvation we have received and the salvation Christ will give to those who hear the gospel and believe it. That gospel must become incarnate in believers who exemplify Christ in word and deed. To the extent we are faithful in our daily lives in representing the Lord Jesus Christ, will the circle of our influence be brought under the redemptive possibility of the establishment of Christ's blessed community where we live. To the same degree of our faithfulness in sharing our money and prayers through **Our Christian World Mission** will the whole world be brought into the redemptive possibilities of Christ's blessed community among all peoples of the earth. At home and around the world missionaries of every description are helping to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ because we have given our money through our local church to be applied to the term **Apportionment** or **Our Christian World Mission** through the Southern Convention and through our own United Church of Christ.

Yes, the young people of the Vacation Bible School of the Eure Congregational Christian Church set my mind to thinking of what their faithful pastor, faithful teachers, had helped them to learn and to share. Yes, I thought of what their concern had led them to do. Yes, I thought of how much of this same concern needs to be more widely shared by ministers and churches of our fellowship in the Southern Convention. Open the doors of opportunity for the people of our churches to give of themselves and their money in making Christ known at home and around the world through participation in **Our Christian World Mission**.

How well is your church doing?

Clyde L. Fields

A Witness In Rhodesia

We have had new people arriving to help us, for which we are very appreciative. Dr. Jarrel S. Burrow and his wife and two children arrived in January to stay for two months to help us with our dental work. When he replaced the equipment in his office he had all the old equipment, which was in perfect working condition, crated and shipped over to us. We had everything unpacked when he arrived and he helped us to set up. and we now have a dental operatory complete with x-ray. He has been making a very fine contribution through his dental care to all those who are coming to him for assistance. He is also training African assistants who will continue with some of the work after he leaves. This is a continuation of the work started by Dr. Bill Heller in 1961.

The T.B. Sanatorium is now a going concern and the Rhodesian government has seen fit to give us a grant to help us in running it. We were getting along on very meager funds and now it will be a little bit easier, although there is still a $2000 projected debt for 1965. The local people are beginning to realize the necessity of good treatment of T.B. and they are more willing than before to stay in the hospital for the one or one and a half years necessary to arrest the disease. In spite of the government grants, we have continued to make this a self-help T.B. Santorium and the patients themselves are in charge of keeping their wards clean and tidy.

From: **Dr. and Mrs. Kirk Stetson**
Rhodesia

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Delegates To Southern Conference

Churches of the Southern Convention should elect delegates to the Southern Conference to be held September 30, 1965, at the earliest opportunity.

All ordained ministers will be delegates. Lay delegates from churches will be determined on the basis of one delegate for each 300 members, or major fraction thereof. It is important that each and every church be represented at the meeting on September 30th. This is an historic meeting, and representation should be from every church.

Notice is hereby given that the Southern Convention will send delegates to the meeting of the Southern Conference on September 30, 1965. The place and agenda for the meeting will be made known as early as possible.

ON THE EDGE

Mr. E. H. Thompson, member of **Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ,** was guest speaker at his home church, Coleridge Methodist on June 13.

George Fouts, of **Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville,** will serve in the national Youth Caravan program this summer. He has gone to the Volunteer Service Training Center at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, for a week of training.

Rev. J. L. Neece, retired pastor living in Bradonton, Florida, was guest preacher at **Palm Street United Church of Christ, Greensboro,** on June 13 for the church's Homecoming Sunday Service.

On June 13, Dr. John G. Truitt of Elon College preached the Sunday morning sermon at **St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Greensboro.**

Monday Morning Adventures, a special program for primary and junior age boys and girls was begun on June 21 at the **First Christian Church (UCC) in Burlington.** Leader for the group will be Mrs. Robert M. Kimball.

The Junior High Fellowship of the **Southern Pines United Church of Christ** collected $12.50 for the boys' dormitory at the Elon Home for Children.

Joseph Wliam Wise will be ordained to the Christian ministry at the **First United Church of Christ, Landis, North Carolina,** on June 27, at 7:30.

Mr. Bill Kirkpatrick presented a Sacred Concert at **First Congregational Christian Church (UCC) in Reidsville** on June 20.

Large-print New Testaments and Portions of Holy Scripture are now being printed by the American Bible Society for distribution to the increasing number of aging persons in our population with failing sight.

Ordination For Lewis Wicker

A Service of Ordination for Rev. Lewis Wicker was held at the Lakeview United Church of Christ, near Burlington, N. C., June 13th, at 8:00 P. M. Participants in the service included: Revs. Richard M. Petersen, Leslie Wicker, Thomas Madren, W. E. Wisseman, W. J. Andes, H. Winfred Bray, W. T. Scott, Clyde L. Fields, Mr. Ervin Durham, and the choir and organist of Lakeview Church.

Rev. Lewis Wicker is a graduate of Greensboro College and Southeastern Seminary and a native of Sanford, North Carolina. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Linus C. Wicker of the Northview United Church of Christ. He is married to the former Peggy Joyce Freeman of Robbins, N. C. A younger brother, Rev. Leslie Wicker, is a Licensed minister of the Western North Carolina Conference.

The congregation and visitors were invited to a hospitality hour provided by the Lakeview Church following the Service of Ordination. The Southern Convention salutes Rev. Lewis Wicker and the Lakeview United Church of Christ on the occasion of this significant Service of Ordination.

CROP Aids Congo

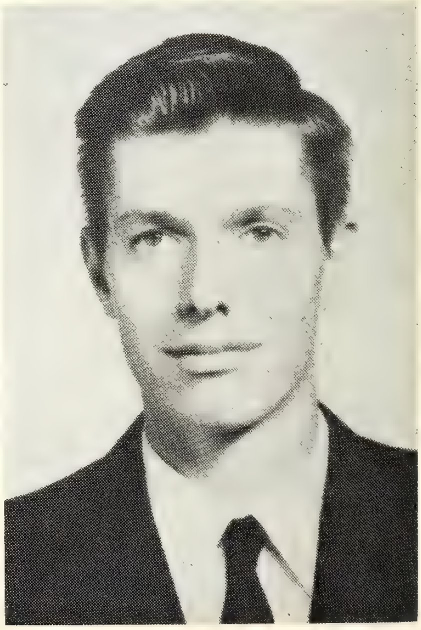
Emergency funds from CROP contributors totaling $5,000 have been sent today through Church World Service to the Congo Protestant Relief Agency in Leopoldville. CPRA is making arrangements to help 6,000 homeless refugee families in Kivu province.

In the Pangi and Shabunda Territories of Kivu, Republic of Congo, rebels have burnt out villages and destroyed thousands of homes in their attempts to threaten the Central Government. Refugees fled into nearby forests and swamps for safety, wandering for months in hiding and in search of food.

The 93 villages razed have now been liberated, but "the people coming out of hiding are in pathetic physical condition," a relief worker in the area reports. "Nursing mothers, small infants, pregnant women suffered most, and since the families have lost all their earthly possessions, medical care, clothing, vitamins, milk are the greatest need." Many of these supplies have already been sent by Church World Service, the relief and rehabilitation agency of the Protestant Churches working in developing overseas areas. Other philantropic and church agencies have responded with aid also.

The CROP funds will be used in specific programs to rehabilitate — to help farmers prepare and plant their fields which must be done during July and August. To bring this about, machetes, which are manufactured in Leopoldville, must be purchased; an estimated 10,000 of these simple but effective cutting blades, at a cost of $3,500, are needed to clear the land. The farmers in the area then must have seeds for planting, and sufficient peanut and corn seed will be purchased for 5,000 plots of ½ acre each.

"This aid from Church World Service-CROP will not be handed out indiscriminately nor is it charity without responsibility," says Jan S. F. Van Hoogstraten, head of the Africa program of CWS. The farmers in Kivu province will pay for their seed and machetes with the proceeds from their harvest, thus acquiring self-respect and some self-sufficiency. The payments will, in turn, be used for rebuilding villages, homes, schools, and putting into repair water supplies (springs and bathing places); the emphasis will be on cooperation and food as wages for work done on community development.



Ministers' Insurance

The ministers of the Southern Convention received with approval the recommendation of the Insurance Trustees, that a change take place in the Group Insurance Plan of the Southern Convention, as of October 1, 1965. As of that date, the health and surgical insurance plan will be carried with Blue Cross-Blue Shield, rather than with Ministers' Life and Casualty Union.

The new plan will provide for greater benefits to ministers, for hospital and surgical coverage. The cost for a minister and family will be $51.00 each quarter. The Conference Fund of each of the several Conferences of the Southern Convention shares in our ministers' insurance program by providing the premium cost for alternate quarters for full-time pastors of churches. Other ministers who are not serving as full-time pastors are enrolled in the insurance plan and pay their premiums for each quarter.

The Southern Convention has had an excellent relationship with Ministers' Life and Casualty Union and leaves the company with a tinge of sadness. However, we look forward with anticipation to the new plan provided by Blue Cross-Blue Shield and fully expect the same mutual happy relationship with our new insurance carrier.

Ministers should be reminded that this change affects only the hospital and surgical insurance. **It does not affect the life insurance coverage with Presbyterian Ministers' Fund at this time.**

Retirement For Ministers

The Annuity Fund of our denomination provides a plan for retirement for ministers, called The Annuity Fund. Dr. William K. Newman, 297 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y., 10010, is Executive Vice-President of The Annuity Fund, which has been providing retirement help for ministers since 1885.

Churches of the Southern Convention, as well as all over our denomination, are asked to provide 11% of the minister's salary for the pastor's retirement. This is good for the church and good for the minister. Churches which are faithful in providing the 11% necessary for a pastor's retirement enable the minister to come to retirement years with dignity. Failure to provide an Annuity for a minister leads to embarrassment for him and the church at the time of retirement.

Every church in the Southern Convention should be fully determined that her minister be enrolled in The Annuity Fund of our fellowship, and that the full 11% dues are paid over and beyond the regular salary. Is your minister in The Annuity Fund? Check and see.

FILM SHOWN AT SO. NORFOLK

A 54-minute documentary film, HARVEST OF SHAME, produced in 1960 as one of the CBS Reports and narrated by Edward R. Murrow which reveals the deplorable plight of migratory farm workers will be shown in South Norfolk United Church of Christ (Congregational Christian) Sunday evening, June 27th, at 7:30 P. M.

This picture is a recommended resource on the church's ministry among migrant laborers. It is much in demand; therefore, an invitation is extended to members of our churches in this area to share this opportunity with South Norfolk folks.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

NEWS NOTES

Elon College Summer School

The first session of the 1965 Summer School at Elon College is now in full swing. There are a total of 527 registered. Included are a number of teachers who are pursuing further training and improving their certification. There are also a large number of students enrolled who are using the Summer School sessions as a means of accelerating their college training time.

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Rev. C. Carl Dollar of Holland, Virginia, is a patient at the Norfolk General Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia, where he recently underwent surgery. Latest reports are that he is making satisfactory progress.

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Dr. L. E. Smith is still a patient at the Norfolk General Hospital, but is in good spirits. He suffered a broken arm recently but is making good progress toward recovery.

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The friends of **Rev. Tucker G. Humphries** of Franklin, Virginia, will be glad to know that he is improving following a recent stroke. He is now at his home at 580 Ashton Avenue, Franklin, Virginia.

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The writer had a most pleasant visit with **Rev. D. P. Barrett** at his home in Chapel Hill. It will be recalled that Mr. Barrett was for many years a Missionary to Puerto Rico. He is nearing 90 years of age and is one of the devout and wonderful men of our fellowship. He reads the Christian Sun regularly and wishes to be remembered to his many friends. He lives at 408 McCauley Street, Chapel Hill, N. C., and would be pleased to hear from any of his friends.

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President J. Earl Danieley of Elon College on June 4th gave the address at the Commencement of Walter Hines Page Senior High School, Greensboro.

Monticello Homecoming

Guest preacher at the Homecoming Service, June 13, at Monticello, was the Rev. Dr. William Redd Turner of Clinton, South Carolina. Dr. Turner is a retired Presbyterian minister. He briefly served as pastor for the First Christian Church in Burlington at one time. Sharing in this service were Mrs. P. W. Faucette; Mr. Harrison Smith; and the student pastor of the church, Mr. James N. Biggerstaff.

Following lunch in the fellowship hall, a Service of Dedication was held for the new church parsonage. Guest speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Dr. Robert M. Kimball, pastor of the First Christian Church (UCC) in Burlington. Also in the service were Phillip Faucette, Earl Billingsley, William Smith, Garland Geringer, Ray Dixon, Francis Faucette, L. O. Beauford, J. E. Cumbie, and the pastor.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

Youth Forum Delegates

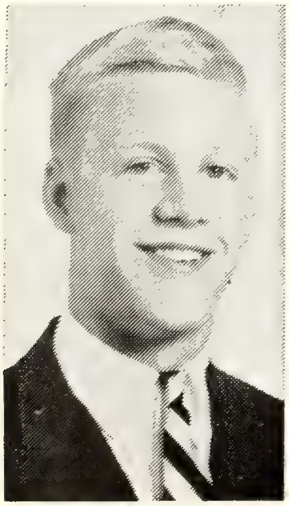
Rick Kimball

Born in Ashtabula, Ohio, Rick has lived in North Carolina for more than five years and considers himself a native. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Kimball; Dr. Kimball is pastor of the First Christian Church in Burlington.

Rick has just finished his first year in senior high school and, in his words, "It was filled with many exciting experiences." He was elected sophomore class president and later the new student body treasurer for the coming year. He was inducted into the Key Club at the high school and was elected Lieutenant Governor of the district.

For the past year, he has served as treasurer of the Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship and his local PF group as well. Next year he will be secretary of the local group and as Faith Commission chairman for the North Carolina and Virginia Conference PF.

With Vickie Johnson and Rev. Tom Madren he will represent our Southern Convention PF at Elmhurst for the national Youth Forum meetings and as an observer for part of the General Synod meeting to follow.



Vickie E. Johnson

Miss Vickie Evelyn Johnson of Nansemond County, Suffolk, Virginia, has been chosen as a delegate to the 1965 Youth Forum of the United Church of Christ to be held at Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois, June 23 to 29, 1965.

The 1965 Youth Forum is a study seminar "REVOLUTION IN MORALS." It is designed as a basic opportunity for youth and adults from throughout the United States to focus together on a contemporary concern within our national life — exploring this in the light of the Christian faith.

120 youth and adults from the Conferences of the United Church of Christ throughout the United States will attend this seminar. Vickie will represent the Southern Convention.

Vickie is a member of the Bethlehem Christian Church (Nansemond) UCC, Dr. R. E. Brittle, pastor. She has been active in the youth work of her church for several years and at the present time is Fellowship Chairman, Eastern Virginia Conference; Faith Commission Chairman, local P. F. Group; Sunday School Teacher, Junior Department; Local Sunday School Superintendent, Elon Home for Children, and a member of the Youth Choir. She will enter Forest Glen High School this fall as a senior and upon graduation plans to study to become a high school teacher.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Johnson, 106 Staley Drive, Suffolk, Va.

Christian

It is fairly easy, these days, to find people who have written about the problems facing the church in modern society. Institutionalized religion has been considered by loyal and totally disassociated non-Christians alike. Books have suggested that these present-day challenges to the church are in part generated by the nature of the church itself, on the one hand, and the unsympathetic nature of society toward the church on the other. Scholars point out the historical decline within the Christian fellowship's witnessing community and at the same time the modern growth of religious consciousness in today's culture. The implication has seemed to be that there is currently more belonging to and less witnessing for — more organization and less purposefulness — more form and less devotion.

Two problems, or challenges if you prefer a gentler term, which seem fairly common in the various critiques about the church need to be of special concern to those of us involved in Christian education (and who among us is not!) Both of these problems tend to make it difficult for partners in the fellowship of the church to experience personal growth in any area of genuine interest to the church.

Stability and Stagnancy

The first problem is this: **the church, and what it represents, is highly stable and slow to change, which is good in principle; this stability has been changed to stagnancy and transferred to the forms and methods through which the church seeks to witness to society.** The church is called fortress, foundation, rock, bulwark, and by other descriptive titles implying solidity and strength, all formidably unrelenting against the sinful incursions of modern society. And so it must stand. The problem arises not from this characteristic but from the deadly transmission of it to the methods and forms within the life of the community of faith as it makes its witness to a changing and plastic society. Everything about the church, including Christian education, is influenced by this process of unfortunate transferral.

The second problem is like unto the first: **the church is called to speak to contemporary needs with methods and forms thus burdened by outdated, unchanging, and sometimes unreasoning convictions to keep this outdatedness and unchangeableness as**

ucation And Christian Witness

an important part of its witness. Trying to witness to today's needs with yesterday's tools and methods, the fortress becomes a beseiged target and the solid strength a straitjacket. Society associates the weaknesses of the church's witness to the ideal, the gospel, which is the subject of that witness. In refusing to respond to the forms and methods, the gospel is also refused. Christian education suffers badly from this.

A Growing Witness

In considering Christian education and the church's witness, these two problems need to be in our minds. In real Christian education perhaps there is a solution to them. Roger Shinn, in his book **The Educational Mission of the Church,** suggests that Christian education is involved with life, that it studies life, broadens it beyond its immediate interests, deepens it from its shallowness, interprets it from the Christian point of view, and directs it toward the purpose of the Christian faith. His implication is that Christian education is taken up in the whole business of life, in its totality. And not only this, but he goes on to suggest that this involvement in each life is carried on further in an involvement with the life and mission of the church.

There is a process inherent in Christian education which is inseparably intermingled with the witness of the church. This process becomes more evident when we contemplate a few basic assumptions in this area of witnessing. First, and basically, the church is supposed to be a witnessing community of faith. The facts to which the church witnesses are the predications upon which the strength and solidity of the church rests. We may say that the church is a fortress, a firm foundation, a bulwark, because the church has been raised on this witness: that Jesus was and is the Son of God, our Saviour, and that in him there is only life.

Second, this witnessing community is made up of witnessing individuals. People make the witness. People are a part of this community for all of their lives in some cases, from infancy through death. They need to be witnesses in their lives, not now and again, but at every point according to their ability to understand the witness that is to be made.

Third, total understanding of the man-God relationship is never achieved by any man, therefore total understanding stands as the challenge, the goal, toward which sharers in the witnessing community strive through study and personal growth. **It is to encourage and implement this study and growth that Christian education is called.** Christian education, which is concerned with the study, broadening, deepening, interpreting and directing of life according to Christian perspective, has as its task the introduction of people into this witnessing community of faith with the understanding that they will grow and continue to grow in ability and willingness to share in the whole-life witness.

Education for Self-Examination

If it could do nothing else, Christian education can assist the church in the pursuit of its vocation by causing frequent self-examinations and self-evaluations. In line with this same task, Christian education can point out that great truth is not bound by unchanging and unrealistic language, but that truth is truth because it can be expressed to different needs of different people of different ages in different forms with the same impact and validity.

Self-examination is painful. It becomes no less painful when it is conducted from a Christian perspective with Christian standards lighting the ruts into which we have fallen and in which we comfortably remain. It gets singularly uncomfortable when the witness to Christ we are called to make enters into our self-study.

In spite of the discomfort and jarred patterns, it behooves us to consider ourselves as witnesses to God in Christ. It is the function of Christian education to present the ideal witness in many forms, using these presentations according to the level of our understanding and encouraging us to grow in awareness and ability to make this witness for ourselves. In no sense does Christian education justify its office by agreeing that the status quo is the ideal and to be maintained in spite of contemporary needs and changes about us to the contrary. Christian education, and the church which is a part of Christian education, keeps up with changes, communication advancements, better understanding of relationships between people, and the new tools of learning and witnessing currently being developed. If that which calls itself Christian education does not keep up with these things, then it is not Christian education but another comfortable niche in the organization-church.

The church as a solid, strong and dependable institution does not keep tied to the unchanging, unwavering, unrelenting forms and methods of ministering and witnessing which have dragged as millstones about its collective neck. The strong, dependable and effective church is the one recognizing that the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ is a vitally active and communicating reality in life — all of life — which demands vitally active and communicating witnesses who have the beginnings of the knowledge of how to act and how to communicate to today's persons.

When the church begins to see this need, when Christian education crawls out from the protective cocoon of religious babysitting, the two problems will begin to be faced. No longer will the witness be couched in terms unappealing and somehow alien to today's neds. No longer will the truth of God in Christ be an isolated and somehow distant concept unrelated to living now. It shall become an important testimony not merely to the church's concern but to the absoluteness of the truth to which we testify because it **can** be given to today's people and it **can** be directed at today's needs.

Christian education becomes far more than a Sunday morning church school session when it has been challenged to influence the contemporary witness of the church. It becomes the whole life of the community of faith. It takes in the lives of all of the individuals within the community. It draws on the knowledge, the potentials, the interests, the desires, the hopes, the creative power, the redeeming love, and the remarkable fellowship of seeking individuals in an attempt to know and to do the will of God in today's world. It grows to an awareness of its role in providing the foundation which will help tomorrow's world find the same witness as their fathers' and forefathers' before them did . . . and find it a witness which can speak to them where they are.

Richard N. Rinker

FINANCIAL REPORT Quarter Ending May 31, 1965

North Carolina Fellowship Of Congregational Christian Women

Women's Fellowships	Amount
Amelia	$ 11.00
Antioch	11.00
Apple's Chapel	44.00
Asheboro	40.00
Auburn	5.00
Bethel	15.00
Bethlehem (A)	10.00
Beulah	12.00
Burlington, Beverly Hills	30.00
Burlington, First	384.83
Carolina	9.00
Concord	25.00
Damascus	11.00
Durham	90.80
Elon College	200.50
Flint Hill (R)	5.50
Fuller Chapel	12.50
Greensboro, First	187.50
Greensboro, Palm St.	27.49
Hank's Chapel	47.50
Happy Home	25.00
Haw River	13.75
Hayes Chapel	5.00
Hebron	10.00
Henderson	55.50
High Point	15.00
Lebanon	6.75
Liberty, Vance	65.50
Long's Chapel	18.75
Monticello	16.00
Mount Auburn	18.85
New Lebanon	30.00
Pfafftown	10.00
Piney Plain	25.00
Pleasant Cross	5.00
Pleasant Grove (Va.)	7.50
Pleasant Hill	100.00
Pleasant Ridge (G)	15.00
Pope's Chapel	10.00
Raleigh	66.00
Ramseur	12.00
Randleman	5.00
Reidsville	100.00
Sanford, United	62.50
Seagrove	4.00
Shallow Ford	13.75
Shallow Well	21.60
South Boston, Center	13.75
Southern Pines	210.00
Spoon's Chapel	6.25
Tryon	20.00
Turner's Chapel	13.75
Union Grove	8.50
Union Ridge	90.50
Wake Chapel	37.50
Winston-Salem, Parkway	17.00
Zion (NC)	6.00
Zion (WNC)	8.00
	$2,348.32

SPRING RALLY OFFERINGS

Sanford District		$ 27.37
Asheboro District		43.60
Halifax District		22.63
Henderson-Raleigh District		41.02
Greensboro District		50.76
Burlington District		42.27
		227.65
Refund from Mrs. Madren on Florida Workshop		36.20
Total Receipts		$2,647.74
Disbursements		
Miss Angie Crew, speaker at spring rallies		227.65
Southern Convention, printing minutes in 1964 Annual		40.00
Expenses of:		
President	57.01	
District Chairmen	22.87	
Treasurer	5.00	
		84.88
		352.53
Mrs. W. B. Williams, Treasurer Southern Convention Women's Fellowship:		
Missions — General Fund		2,049.21
Life Memberships		170.00
Memorials		70.00
Rachanyapuram School of Girls		6.00
		2,295.21
Total Disbursements		$2,647.74

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. E. Danieley
Treasurer

Changing Patterns In Hong Kong

"Now is the time for the church to meet the spiritual needs of these millions."

1965 Hong Kong has more people, more cars, more schools, more housing units, more and taller buildings, more industry, more hotels, more traffic problems, more buses, fewer rickshaws, more tourists, fewer bargains, and a changing pattern of problems. Ancient patterns of Chinese worship are imcompatible to the young Chinese in Hong Kong who may be better educated than his parents, who is basically without a country, who is finding that material possessions alone do not answer his needs, and who no longer enjoys the security of the Chinese family centered way of life. Now is the time for the church to meet the spiritual needs of these millions.

The village where we live, Rennie's Mill, is also showing signs of growth and a better standard of living. In the past year, two new church structures, a new primary school, new high school, and an "English College" (English speaking high school) have been added. Now concrete walkways have been lain, and we are to have a proper fire station and road into the village in the near future. The Junk Bay Medical Relief Council has just completed its new Rennie's Mill Church Clinic Building. The structure was built to replace the clinic lost in 1962 in Typhoon Wanda, and also to meet future medical needs of the village and surrounding areas which are scheduled for development soon.

In addition to our present services to Rennie's Mill Village, which are general medical care, lab, x-ray and pharmacy facilities, TB and gynecological clinics, and the administration of anti-polio and cholera vaccines, the clinic is expanding its services to provide six "holding beds." This will allow our doctors to admit patients for limited hospitalization for observation, one or two days' treatment, emergency cases, or a number of other conditions, where in our present, somewhat remote situation, it is impossible or inconvenient to send someone into one of the city hospitals. It is also hoped that the clinic can expand the public health education program. We have a place now. The lab, x-ray, consulting rooms and pharmacy have all been built with the future in mind.

From: **Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bergmann**
Hong Kong

REPORT FOR JUNE 7, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Eastern Virginia Conference	**$ 90.00**
Eastern North Carolina Conference	**1.00**
Western North Carolina Conference	**39.00**
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	**194.00**
Total	**$ 324.00**
Special Offerings	
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Branch & Dorothy, Garner, N. C.	**25.00**
Pilgrim Youth Fellowship, Eutaw United Church, Fayetteville, N. C.	**10.00**
Holland Christian Church, Holland, Va.	**25.00**
Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McLelland, Burlington, N. C.	**10.00**
Ellen Grimes Bible Class, First Congregational Church, Portsmouth, Virginia	**25.00**
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mrs. J. L. Kernodle (2 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mrs. Rosalia Dafflemger	
In Memory of Mr. Caleb D. West (3 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mrs. Ethel M. Yates (5 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mrs. Edith McPherson Spencer	
Total Memorial Gifts	**104.50**
Special Offerings	**1,160.17**
Total	**$1,359.61**
Total for the Week	**$1,683.67**

Davis Called To Burlington

The First Reformed United Church of Christ, Burlington has called Rev. Hiram E. Davis to be their minister. Rev. Davis has served as Minister of the First United Church of Christ, Landis for the past 8½ years. He previously had served as Minister for the First Evangelistical and Reformed Church (now First United Church of Christ) Winston-Salem for 15 years. He will move to Burlington in August.

At present he is serving the Southern Synod as Press Agent, member of the Committee on Evangelism and a member of the Committee on Our Christian World Mission.

The Church in Landis has recently completed a $175,000.00 modern Educational Building.

Rev. and Mrs. Davis are the parents of four children — Joe a junior at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Jon, a sophomore at North Carolina State University, Raleigh; Peggy, a freshman at East Carolina College, Greenville, and Sally, a sixth grade student.

Grissom Elected Vice-President

Rev. William A. Grissom, pastor of the Windsor Church, has been elected Vice-President of the Southern Convention as of June 9, 1965. Mr. Grissom succeeds Dr. Frank Hamilton, who will be taking up residence in Miami Beach, Florida, in late July.

Mr. Grissom is an A. B. graduate of Elon College, and a B. D. graduate of Yale Divinity School. He is a native North Carolinian, and has served a number of churches in the Southern Convention. He is married to the former Mabel Carroll. The Grissoms have three daughters: Nancy, Peggy, and Judy.

Readers of THE CHRISTIAN SUN congratulate Rev. W. A. Grissom on his election as Vice-President of the Southern Convention.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Study Achievements

Dear Friends:

Today (Wednesday, June 9) is the first day of summer vacation for our boys and girls here at our Home. Yesterday they completed their school year. We were most happy to have all who are living here now be promoted another grade. In the early school in order for this to be possible, we had three boys and one girl who will need to go to summer school. In high school we have three girls who will need to take a course in summer school in order to keep up with their class.

With the circumstances from which many of these children come, we are more than pleased with this school report. No little credit is due our social service staff as well as the college students who assisted the boys and girls during the winter. Also, of course, much credit must be given to each of the housemothers who saw to it that their children did their homework.

Also, we were quite elated over the award given to one of the young men finishing elementary school. In a recent report we told you of the achievements of some of our high school boys. We are equally proud now to be able to report that Lee West was chosen the "Best All Round Student" this year at Elon College Elementary School. The principal told me that ten awards were given this year and this was the highest one to be given.

Several years ago in writing to the Men's Bible Class of the Rosemont Christian Church, who sponsor Lee, we told them that we felt that as Lee grew up into manhood we felt they would have reason to be justly proud of the investment they were making in this young man. Each summer the Men's Bible Class have him for a visit and this summer will be no exception. He will visit in one of their homes and also go to Boy Scout Camp. We look for great things from Lee West as he enters Western Alamance High School. We are confident that after four years at Western, he will be one of our college students.

There are many times when we are given great concern because of the lack of interest and progress some of our boys and girls, thus when one does as Lee has done, it helps to set a good example for other children to follow.

You see why we have reason to be justly proud of not only Lee West, but of all the boys and girls who were able to do successful work this past school year.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

The report for the Elon Home for Children will appear every two weeks during July and August.

Scriptures for the blind distributed by the American Bible Society in 1964 totaled 65,834 copies. These included both Braille Editions and Talking Bible Records.

The Klan & The Communists

The Communists have always taken advantage of moral issues in countries for its own poisonous political purposes. Ours is no exception. Negro poverty is beyond question a moral issue in our nation. None of us can really deny this. How expediential the Communists have been regarding this situation that we have failed to solve, and how strong is their influence and control in various Negro civil rights groups are questions that can only be answered adequately by the F.B.I. I favor the FBI publishing facts regarding such questions that we might see more clearly "who is who" and "what is what" concerning this touchy situation.

Our temptation in Eastern North Carolina, though, is not that we are likely to follow in the steps of some particular civil rights group which is tainted with Communism. Our temptation is to be led astray by a certain hideous, perverted religious sect known as the Klu Klux Klan which is working overtime these nights to conceal its evil motives behind symbols of Christianity. Large rallies have been held at Sanford, Durham, Wilson, Dunn, and one is scheduled this month at Apex which is only ten miles north of our lovely city.

I maintain that a brief reading of the life of Adolph Hitler and his Nazi Party, another nationalistic hate group, will help one to gain an objective understanding of the Klan's true nature. Here are two motives Hitler used to gain power. You will want to reflect on them because they are very characteristic of the Klan.

One was that he skillfully projected himself as Germany's savior from Communism. Communism was a real, deadly threat to his country. Realizing this situation, he spoke against it, and thereby hurled himself before the German people as a heroic figure who could save them from this insane bear. Naturally, out of nationalistic pride, they listened to and followed Hitler, but to their own destruction, and ironically, not the destruction of Communism. What I am saying is this: just because a nationalistic or regional group like the Klan is always blasting Communism is no guarantee that it is fighting for the liberty and good of all. Groups like the Klan will play on our nationalistic pride for its evil desires as well as the Communists will take advantage of our moral troubles.

A second was that Hitler aroused hate against another race, the Jews, implying that if they could be shipped out of the country it would help solve Germany's social and economical problems. His hate for the Jews was only a reflection of his hate for all life and the deep desire to control others — the Jews, the white people of Germany, the people of Europe, the people of the world. This same burning animosity towards another race, the Negro, lies at the heart of the Klan, an evil group which not only hides behind the robes of religion, but uses the cross of Calvary as a symbol of hate and destruction rather than one of love and redemption.

False Christians! That is exactly what they are. Listen to Jude describing such: "They are a set of grumblers and malcontents. They follow their lusts. Big words come rolling from their lips, and they court favor to gain their ends . . . . These men draw a line between spiritual and unspiritual persons, although they are themselves wholly unspiritual." (N.E.B.)

I do not believe that a Christian can be a member of the Communist Party. Neither can he be a member of the Ku Klux Klan. Both ways of life are essentially the same; both are set to destroy our freedom — both are cultivated around hate — both have no use for God. Those who are not of love are not of God, for God is love. Let us beware.

Carl F. Dunker

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP REPORT

ROSEMONT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Chesapeake, Virginia

Two years ago in April, The Reverend Mr. Lewis, our pastor, met with fourteen older members of our church in regards to feeling their interest in joining a Senior Citizens Group. They were all interested in this project and decided to meet the second Thursday in each month at eleven o'clock A. M. Our first meeting took place in May with a most interesting program and more people attending. In June, the interest in attendance had grown a lot and because of this added growth the July meeting was an organizational one. Our pastor became our leader with a coleader helping him, a secretary, a corresponding secretary, and a pianist.

Our programs have been varied and most interesting. We have had several visiting ministers speak to us, also well known singers and musicians have entertained our group. We, as a group, have visited the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, the Hermitage Museum, the Planetarium at Great Bridge, visited picnic grounds at the beach and at Tull's Creek in North Carolina. Everyone seems to enjoy these trips. Transportation has been no problem because members who have automobiles are glad to share them with others.

Many of the programs have been not only interesting, but educational and funny too, well worth the hour or more that we meet together. Among our programs there have been slides on travels in the Holy Land, a fashion show, indoor games, travel stories and imaginary world trips, etc.

When the programs are over, there has been a good, inexpensive luncheon prepared by a different fellowship group from the church, not only food, but the committee in charge has arranged very attractive tables in the social hall, often with souvenirs of some special holiday and flower arrangements on the tables. After the meal all the members enjoy socializing until time to go home. We average about forty in attendance at each meeting.

All meetings are opened with group singing led by The Reverend Mr. Lewis. He is a fine leader, sings well, and all the members join in with vim. There is a Bible selection, a prayer, and the luncheon table opened with grace. We are enjoying a fellowship of love and friendship which has extended into our many church work affiliations.

Sally E. Kennedy To Teach English At Kobe

Miss Sally Esther Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kennedy, Thomasville, has accepted a position on the staff of Kobe College, Nishimomiya, Japan. She will be a three year teacher of English in the High School Department.

Miss Kennedy is a graduate of Thomasville Senior High School and Catawba College, Salisbury, with a degree in Music Education. On June 20 she will go to Stoney Point, New York, for a five week period of orientation and training. She will leave for the Orient in August.

Prior to going to the Orient a Service of Recognition and Dedication will be held on Sunday afternoon, August 1, at 3 o'clock at the Emmanuel United Church of Christ near Thomasville.

Miss Kennedy will live with Miss Elizabeth Lester, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Lester of High Point.

Kobe College was founded in 1875 by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, now the United Church Board for World Ministries.

New Church Organized At Ramseur

The organizational service for the **First United Church of Christ of Ramseur, North Carolina,** was held at the Ramseur High School on Sunday, June 13, at 3:00 P. M. Participants in the service included Rev. Donald M. Leonard, supply pastor; Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent of the Southern Convention; Rev. L. M. Presnell, Pastor-At-Large of the Western North Carolina Conference; Rev. Avery Brown, President of the Western North Carolina Conference; the organist and choirs of the First Reformed United Church of Christ of Asheboro, N. C.

Russell Craven, Colin Wolfe, Albert Smith, Claud Craven, and Paul Cain were ordained as Deacons. Forty-two persons were received into charter membership — 36 by letter of transfer, and 6 by profession of faith and baptism.

The new congregation has purchased approximately three acres of land just off Kimrey Street as the building site. The land was dedicated debt-free in a service on the site following the meeting held in the Ramseur High School. A host of visitors and interested persons joined in the dual service held in the High School and on the site for the proposed new church building.

The new church has formally voted to be called "The First United Church of Christ of Ramseur, North Carolina," and at present is meeting in the Ramseur Town Hall.

The Southern Convention wishes for Rev. Donald M. Leonard, supply pastor, and the members of the First United Church of Christ of Ramseur, N. C., every best wish in this new venture of faith.

Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent

Seagrove — Fiftieth Anniversary

The Golden Anniversary, Homecoming and Memorial Services were held at Seagrove United Church of Christ on Sunday, June 13, led by the pastor, Rev. Avery Brown. Rev. L. M. Presnell, Pastor-At-Large of the Western North Carolina Conference, and Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, and a host of other visitors, joined with the members of the Church for a service of worship at 11:00 A. M. and the luncheon which followed.

The Seagrove Christian Church was organized November 29, 1915, as an outgrowth of a Sunday School which was formed and met at a brush arbor for some intermittent periods prior to 1915. The Sunday School finally moved to the Masonic Home, owned by W. L. Stutts. Later, in an old school building north of Seagrove, with Rev. T. E. Green holding occasional church services, the church met. Under the leadership of Rev. G. R. Underwood and Rev. T. M. White, the church was finally organized and began meeting in a frame building owned by Eli Leach and C. M. Tysor.

On January 8, 1939, the Church voted to erect a new building located on land donated by Frank Auman. The Church moved into the present building on February 7, 1941. Dr. F. C. Lester led the service of dedication in the same month.

Of the 21 charter members of the Church, 9 are still living.

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Did you know that the regional distribution centers of the American Bible Society located in Washington, D. C., Chicago and Los Angeles have distributed 221,597,855 copies of Holy Scriptures from 1901-1963—or more than one copy for every man, woman and child in the United States today?

TIME BARRIER

By Mrs. W. W. Sloan

Did you ever wonder why God made us start in at the beginning and grow up to maturity, why he didn't thrust us, full-grown, into the midst of life? Could it be for the fun of growing, the adventure of becoming, through our own efforts and through the experiences of friends and family, who are older than we? Is it not for the joy of sharing what we have learned with those we love, those who are younger?

Yet too many of our heartaches and family tragedies arise from differences between the older and younger generations. The earliest memory I have is one of frustration from watching older children and my parents raking autumn leaves, and of being given the inevitable reason. I was "too little." More likely there were not enough rakes to go 'round!

My father stood up for me in many tough places. I loved him. I respected him, even feared him at times. A strong character, my father did not confide in his children. But during my early college years he came to me one night when life had dealt him a crushing blow. Looking to me, then, for sympathy and strength, he found only pity and an abyss of ignorance.

There came an evening when we had words, my father and I. I had reached maturity, the "maturity" of rebellion. The issue was clear-cut. It left no mist in my mind. He was stubborn. My mind cried out that he was wrong. With carefully chosen words I said,

"If you mean what you say, I can never respect you again."

Missing the wistfulness in my voice, his lips in a tight, tight line, he answered,

"I mean what I said!"

Long, long after, in the maturity that is not afraid to admit its ignorance, I came to my father, humbly, yearning for the wisdom of his years, only to have him in utter weariness answer my questing mind with: "Ask someone else who knows about such things."

Yet my parents loved me, were proud of me. They spent long hours, during my tumultuous years, warming my numbed senses into a vibrant realization that my heart was not broken—only bruised. Nor did I understand, in their later years, the cruelty of my neglect — in return for ther lifetime of love. I couldn't possibly understand—until I, too, went time after time to an empty mailbox; watched day after day for a face, a smile, at the door; waited through endless nights for a call, for a word, for the touch of a hand in a gesture of love .

O Thou God and Father of us all, make us kind to the little needs of others. May we deal gently with their hearts when ours are breaking. Forgive our selfishness toward our children and our failure to understand the needs of our parents. And if we cannot reach them with our love, open our hearts to the needs of older and younger folk near us; help us to surround them with a tender and steadfast love like that with which Thou art always surrounding us. Amen.

Southern Synod Consistorymen's Conference

On June 18-19, the Southern Synod held a Consistorymen's Conference at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds to familiarize local church leaders with developments in the United Church of Christ in our area. Leaders included Rev. G. Melvin Palmer (Status of Conference Alignment); Rev. Robert Myers (The Role of the Consistoryman); Rev. Edwin Alcorn (The Congregation, The Conference and the Denomination). Consistorymen in the Southern Synod are the equivalent of Board of Trustee members in our half of the fellowship.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Tempus Fidgets

An anonymous donor recently sent our East Burlap Church a gift of eighty-five dollars designated for use in the purchase of a clock for the church sanctuary. As is the custom, the Board of Trustees met to discuss the clock at their meeting following receipt of the gift.

Several decisions were quickly made by the church leaders. It would be electric, as silent as possible, of medium size, and in keeping with the decor of the sanctuary (sort of a modern, modified, colonial gothic with a Byzantine accent).

The first problem arose over the matter of the numerals on the clock. One part of the Board was determined to have Roman numerals -- this was classically fitting as a part of Christian tradition. The other members of the group were equally determined to have "American" numbers -- Roman numerals smacked of ecumenicity suggesting the Roman Catholic church.

This wasn't the knottiest problem. Far more disconcerting was the inability of the Board to agree on a location for the clock in the sanctuary. Several spots were considered, but it again arrived at a point where two positions held forth. The one maintained that it ought to be on the front of the balcony where the preacher could see it. The other opinion was that it should go under the hymnboard to the left of the chancel where the congregation would have a view of it. Much discussion took place, to no avail. It was a deadlock.

Fortunately, Mr. Haddam A. Goodie pointed out that in decisions in which the Board could arrive at no solution, a congregational meeting was in order. This, after all, was the free church way.

The congregational meeting was duly called for two weeks following. Campaigning took on aspects of a battle between light and darkness. Factions variously denounced their opposition as "taking the first steps toward Roman Catholic takeover"; "limiting the freedom of the pulpit"; "rebelling from Christian tradition"; "clock watching as an acceptable practice in worship"; and interestingly enough, several suspected the original gift had been given by a subversive just to cause trouble.

The meeting time arrived. The normal number of church members who weren't on speaking terms had nearly tripled. Five times more members turned out than had been present for the last program on missions work.

Both decisions -- numerals and location -- were unresolved. Tie votes came up for each. A substitute proposal received unanimous support and was voted. Now, when visitors come to our East Burlap Church, they can see, on the altar, an hourglass with sand from the same desert crossed by Moses and a wooden frame made from Palestinian wood. It was just a small matter to decide who would flip the hourglass over at the start of every service.

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Fifth General Synod

United Church of Christ

July 1-7

Chicago, Illinois

An unemployed coal miner will tell delegates to the Fifth General Synod what poverty is all about at the UCC biennial meeting in Chicago July 1-7.

Berman Gibson of Hazard, Kentucky, will describe the struggle for survival in Appalachia as a prelude to a vote by the Synod on a planned attack on poverty by all parts of the United Church from local churches to national agencies.

He will share the Synod platform with nationally and internationally known speakers including Dr. Martin Luther King, Nobel Prize winner and president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, Indianapolis, president of the National Council of Churches; German Protestant leader Dr. Horst Symanowski; Morris B. Abram, New York City, lawyer and president of the American Jewish Committee, and Dr. Robert W. Spike, New York City, director of the NCC Commission on Religion and Race.

The 738 Synod delegates will also have before them a proposal for "Target Ahead," a $1,000,000 increase in the denomination's contributions to missions in 1966; a plan to put the program for "racial justice now" on a permanent basis, and a proposal that minimum base salaries for ministers be established by the conferences. Reports on church union negotiations are also on the agenda.

The Synod will elect officers of the church, a moderator, vice-moderators, and members of the boards of directors of national instrumentalities. Dr. Ben M. Herbster, president; Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, secretary, and Charles H. Lockyear, treasurer, will stand for re-election.

Other speakers will be Thomas G. Ayers, Chicago, executive vice president of Commonwealth Edison Company; Dr. Harvey G. Cox, professor at Andover Newton Theological School and author of "The Secular City"; Dr. Truman B. Douglass, UCBHM executive vice president; Dr. Alford Carleton, UCBWM executive vice president, and Rev. Harold D. Long, pastor of First United Church of Christ, Birmingham, Alabama.

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.
/KJ

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for their's is the kingdom of heaven.
/RSV

Happy are the humble-minded, for they already own the Kingdom of Heaven.
/Phillips

Jesus admonished an inquirer, one day, "Why do you call me good! Only God is good!" This remark reflects rather brightly on our own self-estimates which identify us as strugglers after "good-living," in whatever sense we choose to use the phrase.

It seems reasonable to suppose that, to be able to gain the Kingdom, one must first be clearly aware of human shortcomings and see our insurmountable inability to be "good." The humility of this condition can be constructive when such a confession leads to the acceptance of forgiveness and reconciliation with God. Through reconciliation the first steps are taken toward the door of the Kingdom.

Recognition Service For Miss Sally Kennedy

A Recognition Service for Miss Sally Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kennedy, Jr., of Thomasville, N. C., is being planned for Sunday, August 1st, at 2:00 P. M.

Further details will be printed at a later date.

Miss Kennedy is a graduate of Catawba College with the Class of 1965 and is now at Stony Point, N. Y., undergoing an orientation period in preparation for her service as a missionary teacher in Kobe College, Japan. She expects to sail from San Francisco on August 12th, to begin her work in the same school where Miss Elizabeth Lester is also a teacher.

Miss Kennedy shared her missionary call to service with the women of the Southern Conference at their recent Annual Summer Conference, held at Catawba College. The Women shared a gift of money with Miss Kennedy, out of their appreciation for her response to the call for missionary service as a teacher at Kobe College.

Diamond Anniversary Campaign For Elon College

We are gratified that a number of our Churches are continuing to accept goals and send Letters of Intent in support of the Diamond Anniversary Fund. We have now raised in pledges and contributions approximately 77% of the Church Goal of $225,000. We believe that the Churches of the Southern Convention will continue to support this campaign for the strengthening of our College. It is hoped that we may soon be able to report 100% having been received through Letters of Intent and by cash contributions. We are gratified with the prompt payment of Diamond Anniversary Fund pledges. The funds being received are being put to work immediately for improvement of our buildings, to provide additional endowment funds from which we may be able to make available scholarships to worthy and needy students, and for deserved increases in salary to our dedicated and competent teachers at Elon College.

REVIVAL AT MONTICELLO

Dr. William R. Mueller, former professor at UNC-Greensboro and now professor in the Department of English at Goucher College at Towson, Maryland, will be the revival speaker at the Monticello United Church of Christ during the week of June 20. He is a former pastor of the church, serving from 1955-1957.

BREAKTHROUGH PARTICIPATION NEARS 100!

The one hundred mark is being neared in our **BREAKTHROUGH** participation. Nearly that many churches, at the time of this writing, have indicated their decision to share in the **EVERY CHURCH VISITATION** planned for September 12-15.

It is not too late to join these fellowships in this Missionary and Stewardship Education emphasis. Whether your church has an excellent or a not-so-excellent response record for **OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION,** Breakthrough offers a significant learning opportunity for your church leaders.

Send your acceptance card (or a letter if you've misplaced the card sent to ministers and church secretaries) right away to Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244, if you're in North Carolina. Or let Rev. L. Bill Simmons, Box 15126, Chesapeake, Virginia, hear from you if your church is in Eastern Virginia.

Dates have been set up for a visit to your church. Acknowledgement must be made of these dates and hours in order to have a visit from the trained teams. Act NOW!

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The Stairway Of Progress

How may an individual or a church determine the stewardship of resources God has placed in our hands?

Christians generally recognize that God is the creator and sustainer of all life. **The true Christian steward recognizes that all resources are given, not earned.** God has given us an unlimited potential, and to him we must answer for our faithful use of his gifts. Many individual Christians are not satisfied with less than 10% of their income for the use of Christ and his Church.

A local church is faced with the decision with reference to the faithful use of funds provided from the individual members. The local church must not be content to limit its mission to the local community. The local church with a vision of a world in need of Christ seeks to find a fair and equitable way of sharing funds with the mission of the church at home and around the world.

For many years, **the Southern Convention has suggested a goal for local churches based on three factors:** one, membership; two, local expenses; and three, performance record in apportionment giving. This has been a good formula and allows the Finance Committee to set some dollar goals before churches as their fair share of **Our Christian World Mission.** However, no formula is perfect and no formula works without a stewardship commitment on the part of individuals and churches.

The Stewardship Committee for the new Southern Conference proposes that the churches make use of what is called a **Stairway of Progress** in stewardship support for **Our Christian World Mission.** This is a good plan and deserves our serious prayer and consideration.

By the **Stairway of Progress,** a local church would place itself along the **Stairway of Progress,** depending upon the percentage of giving for others as compared with local church expenses. The top of the **Stairway of Progress** is the ideal goal — **As much for others as for ourselves,** dollar for dollar. As a church reaches its new step level, its next goal is automatically just ahead of it.

The plan is simple and easy to use. It is variable according to the strength of the church, both as to its financial resources, and as to its responsible participation in the work of Our Christian World Mission.

No church would be expected to give to **Our Christian World Mission** less than **10%** of its local expenses. So, the **Stairway of Progress** begins at 10% of local expenses ,and each step on the ladder represents an additional 5% of local expenses.

It must be said that many, if not most of the churches of the Southern Convention now give more than 10% of local expenses for **Our Christian World Mission.** No church would be expected to begin at a point on the **Stairway of Progress** less than that for 1965. Any reduction as we adopt the new plan would be detrimental to the Southern Conference and set the church back in its stewardship of God's gifts.

The minimum basic support needed by the Southern Conference for its work and its fair share of the national work of our fellowship would be approximately 25%. Therefore, churches that give on a ration between 25% and 30% of their local expenses for **Our Christian World Mission** would be designated as **Sustaining Churches.** The greater number of churches should be at this level.

Churches that reach or exceed the 30% level in basic support would be designated **Second Mile Churches.** These churches would be granted permission to adopt Second Mile Special Gifts.

The only objection to this plan is that there is no place short of the **Ideal Goal** for a church to sit back and say, "There, we've done our share". The next step goal is always there just ahead.

But, is this not what Christ and Christian stewardship would imply for every Christian?

Clyde L. Fields

Carl Daye Called To Pembroke Manor

Rev. Carl T. Daye, pastor for the past seven years of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Greensboro, N. C., has resigned, effective July 31, to become pastor of Pembroke Manor United Church of Christ, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Daye and family will be moving to the Pembroke Manor parsonage, 424 Independence Blvd., Virginia Beach, Va., to begin their work during August.

Mr. Daye served as the organizing pastor of St. Peter's United Church of Christ and saw the erection of a lovely adequate church plant and the gathering of the congregation.

The Eastern Virginia Conference and THE CHRISTIAN SUN wish for the Carl Dayes a most fruitful ministry in gathering the new congregation at Pembroke Manor. Pembroke Manor offers a challenge for a fine congregation to be drawn from more than 800 homes constructed in the Pembroke Manor housing development.

Joseph W. Wise Ordained

Joseph W. Wise will be ordained to the Christian ministry on Sunday, June 27th, 1965, 7:30 P.M., at First United Church of Christ, Landis, N. C. Participating in the ordination service will be Rev. Hiram E. Davis, pastor of the First United Church of Christ, Dr. Banks J. Peeler, President of Southern Synod, Rev. Doyce F. Wise, Mr. W. C. Wise, Jr., Mr. R. Vance Whitaker, and the organist and choir of the host church.

Joseph W. Wise is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wise, Jr., of Landis, N. C. He is a graduate of Landis High School, Catawba College, and Lancaster Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Barbara Goodnight of Landis, and they have a nine month old son, Frederick Christian.

Mr. Wise has accepted a call to become Assistant Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, Conover, N. C.

FINANCIAL REPORT Quarter Ending May 31, 1965

Women's Fellowship — Eastern Virginia Conference

Church	Appor.
Antioch	$ 15.00
Berea Nansemond	50.00
Pembroke Manor	10.00
Bethlehem Nanse.	115.00
Bethlehem Disputanta	5.00
Bayside	25.00
Central	20.00
Christian Temple	125.00
Cypress Chapel	55.00
Damascus	30.00
Dendron	20.00
Eure	16.75
Franklin	125.00
First Portsmouth	50.00
Great Bridge	50.00
Holland	45.00
Holy Neck	50.00
Hopewell	12.50
Hunterdale	62.50
Isle of Wight	20.00
Liberty Spring	64.12
Lynnhaven Colony	25.00
Little Creek	10.00
Mt. Carmel	27.00
Mt. Zion	10.00
Newport News	75.00
Oak Grove	9.60
Oakland	40.00
Prince George	10.00
Richmond First	18.75
Shelton Memorial	90.00
South Norfolk	
Suffolk	250.00
Wakefield	7.40
Warwick	20.00
Waverly (2nd quarter)	15.00
Windsor	40.00
Bayside	25.00
TOTAL	$1,638.62

Church	Life M&M
Berea	30.00
Pembroke	10.00
Bethlehem	100.00
Christian Temple	70.00
Cypress Chapel	40.00
Porthsmouth First	60.00
Great Bridge	20.00
Holland	20.00
Hopewell	10.00
South Norfolk	70.00
Suffolk	10.00
Warwick	10.00
Waverly	10.00
Windsor	30.00
TOTAL	$ 490.00

Church	Jrs.
Bethlehem	5.00
Christian Temple	22.81
Eure	1.35
Franklin	4.00
Holland	20.00
Holy Neck	5.00
Liberty Spring	6.85
TOTAL	$ 65.01

Church	Cr. Roll
Damascus	22.50
Eure	1.35
Franklin	2.00
Mt. Carmel	3.00
Oak Grove	8.82
TOTAL	$ 37.67

Church	Primary
Franklin	4.00

Receipts

Balance Forwarded		55.48
Apportionment	$1,638.62	
Life Membership & Memorials	490.00	
Additional Rally Off. (Milk)	3.00	
Juniors	65.01	
Cradle Roll	37.67	
Primary	4.00	
		2,238.30
Total Receipts for Quarter		$2,293.78

Disbursements

Mrs. Fred Huber (Waverly Rally Expense)	$ 6.22
Mrs. W. B. Williams, Convention Treasurer	2,138.30
Total Disbursements for Quarter	$2,144.52
Receipts	$2,293.78
Disbursements	2,144.52
Balance	$ 149.26

Mrs. M. F. Hall, Sr.
Treasurer, Eastern Va.
Women's Fellowship

Missions Mean People

Missions mean People. It must seem sometimes to you that Missions mean Institutions. And surely there are many times when to us, struggling with budgets, buildings, committees, and red tape, the same impression is overwhelming. But in the final analysis, if Missions are not People, then they have no genuine reason for existence. And so at this season, when we have been remembering a Person who was born in a manger, who lived in a village and worked in a carpentry shop until he set out to tramp the dusty roads of Palestine, the roads that led to a cross and then to the Emmaus road and on to Pentecost—at this season it seems most fitting to share with you what this Christ is doing for and in and through People.

Let me present to you one of the quite ordinary people, one whom the world would certainly classify as "the least of these."

Take tall, lean Shankar Patange, Shimpi (tailor) by caste and farmer by occupation. After a quarrel with his brothers over land, he was afflicted with chronic diarrhea. His lungs became congested to the point where they looked like military tuberculosis had struck. He could not eat a thing. Having given up hope from other sources, he sent word to ask Rev. Gifford Towle, our missionary colleague, if he would come. Giff came and, on invitation, he prayed. As Shankarrao reports: "In fifteen minutes I once again felt like eating, at least a little, and I was sure, for the first time, that I would live." Giff persuaded him to come to the hospital. He was a patient nearly two months, but recovered completely. He started working off his bill, did so well that he has been working ever since on our maintenance crew. He is still in debt, trying to redeem his land from those who took it on mortgage. His whole family are constantly on the edge of starvation, and dress in rags. But he is determined to pay off every bit of his indebtedness and reclaim his land before he spends anything beyond the minimum necessity for himself and his family. He is convinced that Guru Jesus saved his life, and he worships God as he knows him through his constant contacts with Christians. He hasn't yet felt that he can risk the unhappiness which he is sure his relatives would feel if he actually was baptized. And one or two Christians have given him a rather cold shoulder (for our Christians here are almost all from low caste origin and the Shimpi caste is quite high—you can imagine how a sensitive white American might feel about joining a Negro church in an area where Negroes are feeling discriminated against.) But these barriers are being worn away from both sides, and it looks like the wall will finally crumble.

From: **Dr. Hale Cook**, India

Opportunities At Moonelon Still To Come!

July 11-17	**Middle High Conference**
July 18-28	**Youth Travel Seminar**
July 18-24	**Junior Age II Camp**
July 25-31	**Junior High II Camp**
August 1-7	**Junior Age II Camp**

OTHER EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

At Blowing Rock
August 20-22 Western Youth Ministry Conference

At Franklinton Center
August 27-29 Eastern Youth Ministry Conference

At Moonelon Center
September 25-26 Conference PF Officers Retreat

KIND FLOWER

O, kind flower, grace us with your bloom!
Spring air abounds while you, in silence, lay,
And shut your petal doors to sun's fair rays.
Open your decor heart of nature's loom!

O, flower, your blissful bud is but a murmur
To the joyous cry of your latent blossom's song.
To muffle its song or shade its light is wrong,
And yet deprive me of its color — you sinner!

The sun awaits, all eyes foresee and pray,
While you restrain your timeless manifestation
As if you were in calm deliberation
Deciding if you kindly bloom today.

But I beg not delay, your time is spring.
'Tis true that flowers bloom, then wilt and die,
But far so better that, than never try.
O, kind flower, grace us while the Robins sing!

by Noel L. Allen

UN Youth Seminars Planned

The Youth Ministry and Council for Christian Social Action divisions of the United Church of Christ have planned two **UNITED NATIONS SEMINARS FOR YOUTH,** November 8-10, 1965, and April 18-20, 1966.

The purpose of these seminars is to expose young people to the concerns of International Relations and explore with key leaders the role of the U.N. in these changing times. The seminars will be held at the Church Center for the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York. Participants must be juniors or seniors in high school or adult advisors. Information about cost and accomodations may be obtained with registration forms from Miss June Pfeil, Youth Ministry Office, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa., 19102.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

1965-66 P.F. Officers

The 1965 Youth Forum of the Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship met at Moonelon Center on June 19-20 to elect new officers for the 1965-66 year. The following young people were chosen to serve:

Gerry Oxford, Elon College — President
Ronnie White, Suffolk Bethlehem — Vice President
Jayne Yates, Pleasant Union, Asheboro — Secretary
Wesley Snyder, Elon College — Treasurer
Nancy Alexander, Greensboro CUCC — Fellowship Chm.
Patricia Holland, Christian Temple, Norfolk—Faith Chm.
Frankie Penny, Amelia Clayton — Action Chairman

The first meeting of this new leadership was held during the Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship Planning and Training Conference to institute plans for the fall Conference PF Officers' Retreat. Advisor for the group is Rev. Richard N. Rinker, North Carolina Field Secretary for the Southern Convention.

Youth Ministry Conferences

There will be two Southern Conference Youth Ministry Conferences held in August for key senior high young people in local churches and their adult advisors and ministers.

The first is to be at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds, August 20-22. The second at Franklinton Center, Bricks, on August 27-29. Both Conferences will offer guidance and help in youth fellowship programming, as well as general insights into the Youth Ministry Concept for the local church. Registrations have been sent to pastors and key young people in each church. Additional ones may be obtained from Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

Travel Seminar Openings

So far seven young people have signed up to join the 1965 Youth Travel Seminar. We have room for six more. The cost is $75. The destination is Boston by way of Washington, Philadelphia, and points between. Send registrations with a ten dollar advance registration fee to Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. This Seminar is now open to young people who shared in the 1964 Seminar, if they meet the age qualifications. Tenth grade must have been completed.

FRONTIERS OF FAITH PROGRAMS

When **Frontiers of Faith** returned to the air on the NBC-TV network in June, the Rev. Dr. Browne Barr, minister of First Congregational Church in Berkeley, California, began a series of talks on the parables of Jesus. Coming up are:

July 11 — The Wicked Husbandman
July 18 — The Father's Love
July 25 — Marriage Feast and Wedding Garment

Study guides are available for these broadcasts from Frontiers of Faith, Box 3132, Church Street Station, New York, N. Y. 10008. The cost is $1.00.

Kasba Nursery School, India

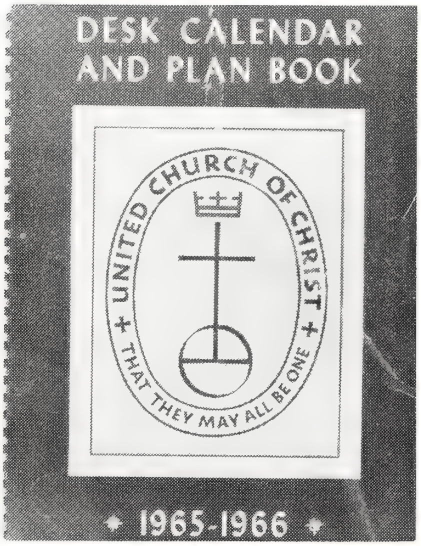
"A local Social Welfare Committee was formed with equal numbers of Hindus and Christians"

Kasba Nursery School (for the sweepers' children) was formally opened on Nehru's birthday, November 14th, which is nationally celebrated in India as "Children's Day." The planning and organization took considerable time but we feel satisfied that the project has the support not only of the Women's Fellowship but the people of the community as well. A local Social Welfare Committee was formed with equal numbers of Hindus and Christians. They will be responsible for collecting donations of labor and money from the people. It may not amount to a large sum but it will give them a feeling that the nursery school is something they also want and are willing to work for. The members of the Managing Committee for the Nursery School are elected from the Women's Fellowship Organizations of the four Churches of South India in Vellore. They visit the Nursery School regularly to guide the teacher and see what improvements can be made as the school develops.

Just as we planned to open the Nursery School, heavy floods occured in Andhra Pradesh, the state just north of Madras. The milk and wheat which we had anticipated from Church World Service were diverted for the relief of thousands made homeless by the floods. Thus, we have had to open the School without provision for food. We have been assured, however, that we will be receiving it soon.

At present the School is being conducted in a mud thatched building. We are waiting for the land to be sanctioned by the Municipality before beginning the new building. The biggest problem at the beginning was to limit the number of children. With only one teacher we must limit the enrollment to fifty, while more than 150 children are wanting to attend. We pray that someday we will be able to do more.

From: **Miss Pauline King**
India



WORD FROM OUR MISSION

Problems In Ghana

"Although these students in so many ways are just like the American teenager . . . we . . . remember that their home lives are still FAR behind their own education."

The average student here at Mawuli is much like the average teenager at home—the girls thinking mostly of clothes and boys, and the boys thinking mostly of whatever boys think of — mischief, food, and sometimes girls. If you can imagine 500 children at home between the age of 11 and 22 living in a school with as little supervision as this one—you would realize how basically good these children are. But alas, with the swift changing times in Africa and particiularly in Ghana, with the increasing number of students and the availability of more schools the discipline problems become greater. (With many problems added to his many responsibilities, Mr. Banini, the Headmaster, has done a remarkable job.) Although these students in so many ways are just like the American teenager — we are awakened from time to time to remember that their home lives are still FAR behind their own education.

Henry was much rewarded for his efforts when every single student in his math classes last year passed their exams. Although the frustrations are great — he never-the-less has enjoyed his teaching. The good students are few but they ARE there and they need and appreciate Henry's efforts. Aside from teaching Henry still endeavors to create as much of a Christian atmosphere of love and high morals as time allows in his boy's dorm. He has a fine and very meticulous young Ghanaian University graduate this year working with him as co-housefather. He has enjoyed his companionship and assistance with the many tasks of a houseparent. An equally important and time consuming task for Henry has been to be Mission Treasurer for Ghana. Aside from the monthly payrolls for the missionaries — he must figure, tangle and untangle the masses of taxes, bonds, fees, etc., charged and ever changing by the Ghanaian Government.

From: **Mr. and Mrs. Henry Diehl**
Ghana

Desk Calendar And Plan Book

One of the resources in our denomination which is rapidly becoming indispensable to pastors and church leaders in their planning is the DESK CALENDAR AND PLAN BOOK published by The Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ.

This book is far more than just a desk calendar. It includes reminders of upcoming important emphases, offices of national leaders, ordering addresses, outlines of major denominational instrumentalities, and ample date space for recording church activities. It sells for one dollar and may be ordered from The Stewardship Council, 1505 Race Street, Philedelphia, Penna. 191002.

Band School Held At College

Renold O. Schilke, of Chicago, widely known musician and musical instructor, conducted Elon College's second annual brass specialist school for band directors and band members on the Elon College campus June 21-25, with five days of intensive instruction beginning Monday morning and continuing through Friday.

The week-long musical clinic was under the direction of Professor Jack O. White, director of band music on the Elon College campus, who also planned and conducted the first such clinic at Elon last summer. At that time Charles Colin, brass specialist from New York, taught the classes to a group of more than forty young musicians and band directors.

Renold A. Schilke is nationally recognized as an outstanding performer, teacher, consultant, designer and manufacturer, for he designs and produces the widely known Schilke brass instruments that are used in bands and by individual musicians all over the nation. Mr. Schilke has studied under such well known musicians as Max Schlossburg, Georges Mager, Edward B. Llewellyn and Hubert L. Clarke. He has been a member of of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Chicago Lyric Opera Orchestra and many other professional orchestral groups, and he was the organizer and founder of the Chicago Brass Ensemble.

The classes for the 1965 clinic were designed for any brass instrumentalist who had a working knowledge of major scales and has had ensemble participation. The brass classes met for five hours each day, beginning at 10 a. m. on Monday. Studios were available on the Elon College campus for individual practice sessions.

Professor White is to be congratulated upon the good work he is doing with the instrumental music department at Elon. He not only serves the College during the academic year with a fine band and special band groups, but this added service during the summer school is a service to rising young musicians. Congratulations to Professor White and his associates for a successful band clinic in 1965.

Additional Gift From Foundation

Dr. J. Earl Danieley, President of Elon College, reports that he has received a supplementary check from the North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges in the amount of $2,341 for the 1964-65 year. This amount added to the $25,308.25 reported in the Christian Sun on June 15th is a total from the Foundation of $27,649.25 for the past year. The total raised by the North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges during the year was $549,876.21. It is gratifying that business and industry of North Carolina believes in private and Church-Related Colleges. This should be a stimulation to the members of our Churches to continue their hearty support of our Church Colleges.

Alumnus' Book To Be Published

"FAITH ALIVE" is the title of a forthcoming book by Dr. Aaron N. Meckel to be published by Zondervan Publishing House in the Fall of 1965. Dr. Meckel is serving in his 18th year as the Minister of First Congregational Church of St. Petersburg, Florida. He is an honor alumnus of Elon College, the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws having been conferred upon him by the College in 1954. Dr. Meckel has authored several books, including one on "Personal Evangelism"; "Life Can Be Exciting," now in its second edition, and others. He and members of his congregation are friends of Elon College, Dr. Meckel having been a speaker on the campus and to Ministerial groups of the area on various occasions.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

The Leon Edgar Smith Scholarship Fund

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends:

I am taking this method of thanking those of you who have made contributions to the Leon Edgar Smith Scholarship Fund. I am sorry that it has not been possible for me personally to contact each of our Elon alumni and friends to tell them of my ambitions for this Fund.

Some of you have been very generous in your contributions. Others have promised to increase their initial gifts at a later date. I hope that each of you will make sure your name is listed among the donors to this fund that not only will honor Dr. Smith, but will be a permanent source of aid to young people who need help in their quest for an education.

Please continue to send your contributions. Your check should be made payable to the LEON EDGAR SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND. It should be mailed to Dr. Wlliam T. Scott, P. O. Box 125, Elon College, North Carolina.

Your gift, which is tax deductible, will become a part of this permanent endowment and will be recorded in the files of the College. The income will be used to aid worthy and needy students.

Sincerely yours,
John T. Kernodle

Financial Statement of the Fund as of June 22, 1965

Amount Reported as of March, 1965	$3,300.00
Contributions Since March	1,486.00
Total Contributions Ending June 22, 1965	$4,786.00

List of Donors to June 22, 1965

C. A. Hines, John R. Scotford, A. L. Hook, Miss Bertha J. Cates, Miss Margaret P. Alston, Miss Ethel M. Holmes, Odell H. King, Elijah N. Jones, Mrs. S. A. Yancey, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Dr. Richard H. Clapp, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Spratley, Dr. Dwight L. Gentry, Dr. Aaron Meckel, J. R. Kirk, Mrs. Rebecca Smith Wild, Dr. Dan T. Watts, Hon. William M. Tuck, Caleb D. West, Dr. and Mrs. Richard M. Haff, Dr. John G. Truitt, Mrs. H. P. Harrell, Mrs. R. J. Kernodle, Miss Edith J. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Vaughan, Jr., Edward E. Martz, Mrs. Margaret Pulley, Mrs. Lucile Cullers Herr, Dr. W. Redd Turner, Mrs. Tom B. Sain, Dr. Edward W. W. Lewis, Dr. and Mrs. M. J. W. White, Mrs. Irene C. Oliver, Dr. and Mrs. John R. Kernodle, Albert C. Mastrobattisto, Robert Stanco, Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Mrs. E. Clyde Johnson, Mrs. Agnes R. Boggus, Mrs. E. B. Huffine, Mrs. J. G. Rice, Mrs. J. D. Rumley, Sr., Rev. T. Fred Wright, Mrs. B. Guy Porter, Miss Susie B. Riddick, L. A. Riddick, Rev. and Mrs. Carl R. Key, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Mrs. Nannie A. Fonville, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin C. Milam, Mrs. Goldie H. Britt, Dr. Donald Kernodle, Mrs. Mamie H. Leathers, Mrs. K. V. Wyatt, Mrs. Virgie H. McClenny, Dr. William T. Scott, John T. Kernodle, W. B. Terrell.

ON THE EDGE

Rev. Dolan Talbert, pastor of **Altamahaw Bethlehem Church**, will be the guest evangelist at **Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ** July 11.

Mrs. Carl Stanfield, of the **Monticello United Church of Christ**, began a Bible study at Apple's Chapel June 21 sponsored by the Women's Fellowship of the church.

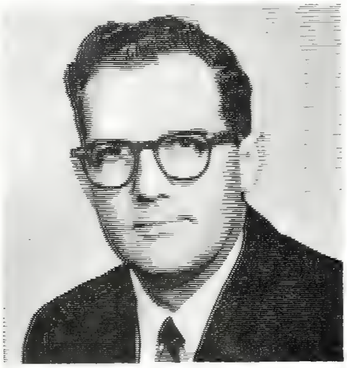
Calvary United Church of Christ in Thomasville will have its annual Family Camp at John's River on August 14-15.

The members of the **Rosemont PF** were the guests of **The Christian Temple PF** at their outing on June 27 at the YMCA Beach Club.

Palm Street United Church of Christ, Greensboro, commissioned their young people attending Moonelon Center this summer at a special service on June 13. Included in this service were adult leaders as well.

Activities At Parkway

The Parkway United Church of Christ, Rev. Richard L. Muse, pastor, have been at work on a number of projects recently. New hymnals are to be purchased, new pulpit chairs are to be ordered, a needy family has been provided for, the outside of the church has been painted, a mortgage note has been paid off, new coverings have been placed on the furniture in the narthex, the officers elected for the Women's Fellowship, two members have graduated from college, a number of young people have graduated from high school, and very interesting summer sermon topics have been announced for July and August.



John Wilder Begins Work At Zion

Rev. John W. Wilder will begin his ministry with Mt. Zion United Church of Christ near Mebane, N. C., on July 5, 1965.

Mr. Wilder is married to the former Eloise Ashley, and a graduate of Huntington College. He will be completing his education at Duke Divinity School. The Wilders have a six year old daughter, Susan Eloise.

The Mt. Zion congregation and the Southern Convention extend a cordial welcome to the Wilder family as they begin work in the Southern Convention.

United Church Of Christ Women Meet At Catawba College

Rachel Wallace

The fourth Annual Summer Conference of United Church of Christ Women met at Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C., June 15-18, 1965, with Mrs. Van D. Grimes, Faith, N. C., serving as director.

The theme for the 4-day session was **Mission — The Christian's Calling.** Dr. John L. Casteel, Simsbury, Conn., Executive Secretary of the Council for Lay Life and Work was Bible Study Leader and spoke four times on this subject. He said if one is to be a Christian he must have a mission and that mission must be to make the world more human. "In western culture men have dominated and women have played a secondary role in a predominantly masculine church. It is precisely in the capacity to love that the superiority of women over men is demonstrated. The particular mission of women," said Dr. Casteel, "is to humanize the world by accepting ourselves as called, by breaking through barriers, by choosing the good portion and by acquiring the forgiving power of love." "To be a whole Christian one must have masculine as well as feminine qualities and our attitude about missions is determined by how we accept life. We can either accept what we are or we can reject it. We must offer ourselves to God's will which we always know only in part here and now in concrete particulars and not in abstract unrealistics."

Mrs. Stuart Sinclair, Greenfield, Mass., President of United Church Women led a study of "United Church Women" and on Thursday evening spoke on the subject, "Our Common Mission in an Uncommon Time." She said that the church is the instrument through which God has chosen to save the World. "Christians are under orders in these changing times to be witnesses, to go on a Mission alone, yet be the common mission in the midst of Social, Economic and Industrial Revolution. We are called to suffer and at the same time to share in the joy of the Christian faith." In conclusion Mrs. Sinclair said we have a common church with a common task through the United Council of Churches and urged those present to support the Council.

Mrs. F. C. Lester, High Point, N. C., Southern Regional Secretary of the Council for Lay Life and Work led a study and discussion on the theme — **Mission — The Christian's Calling.** She reminded all that in the past World and Home themes have been studied separately but this year they are combined. She and her assistants illustrated some ways of presenting the study in the local church.

Hedrick Little Theatre in the new Salisbury-Catawba Community Center was used for all day time meetings and for the showing of "The Toymaker" — a film done in allogorical terms to show the prejudices of people who realize they are different.

Night sessions were open to the public and were held in the beautiful Catawba College Chapel. The 150 women in attendance were led in the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the Chapel by the Rev. Porter Seiwell, College Chaplain, before adjourning on Friday Morning.

This conference will be held in 1966 at Elon College, N. C.

Jaycees Support Home

July 6, 1965

Dear Friends:

Over the years, the Burlington Junior Chamber of Commerce Jaycees have been most generous in their support of our Home. For a number of years, they have conducted each year the Christmas shopping tour for our boys and girls. This is something that they look forward to annually.

The last couple of years, they have also been assisting us with a playground area we are preparing beside of our swimming pool. We were very happy to have this club recently on our campus for an entire day working on this playground area, and helping the boys and girls clean the area to prepare it for sowing of grass around the playground area.

On our page today is pictured one of the Jaycees, Jerry Dawson, presenting a check to me in the amount of $100 to help with the recreational program for the summer. We are certainly grateful to Mr. Paul Crowson, President of the Jaycees this year, and all of their fine members for the support that they continue to give to our Home.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

How To Become A Bishop

A sharp, new book by Dr. Charles Merrill Smith has turned up which ought to be read by both laymen and clergymen. It's title is **How to Become A Bishop Without Being Religious.**

The use of humor and satire by Dr. Smith, pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church in Bloomington, Illinois, is surpassed only by the ways in which he gets the reader to think about the image of the local pastor.

In his chapter on **How To Be Impressive In The Pulpit,** the author states candidly, "Your people, you will discover, have an insatiable appetite for sermons on how to improve themselves or solve their emotional (spiritual) problems so long as the panacea you offer them does not require them to (a) quit doing something they like to do, (b) spend any money, or (c) submit to very rigorous or timeconsuming spiritual discipline."

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

REPORT FOR JUNE 14, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$131.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	9 25
Western North Carolina Conference	46.75
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	85.75
Total	$272.75
Special Offerings	
Women's Fellowship, Spoon's Chapel, Asheboro, N. C.	10.00
Women's Fellowship, Rutherford Congregational Church, Rutherford, New Jersey	10.00
Mr. G. S. Huber, Spring Grove, Virginia	50.00
Women's Federation, Berlin Congregational Church, Berlin, Conn.	25.00
Ladies Bible Class, First Congregational Church, Henderson, N. C.	25.00
Women's Fellowship, First Congregational Church, New Canaan, Conn.	50.00
Mr. Stuart Olson, Salem, Mass.	20.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. Greg Anson, 2 Memorials	
In Memory of Mrs. Alma Kernodle	
In Memory of Miss Annie Bason	
In Memory of Mr. G. G. Phibbs	
In Memory of Mr. Caleb D. West	
In Memory of Mrs. Frances Boland Shields	
Total Memorial Gifts	40.00
Special Offerings	203.85
Total	$433.85
Total for the Week	$706.60

REPORT FOR JUNE 21, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$189.50
Eastern North Carolina Conference	120.00
Western North Carolina Conference	15.00
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	134.74
Total	$459.24
Special Offerings	
Jr. P. F. Group, First Congregational Church, Fairfield, Conn.	11.83
First Congregational Church, Canton Center, Conn., 6th and 7th Grade Sunday School Classes	42.42
Union Christian Church, Virgilina, Virginia (Bible School)	27.46
First Congregational Church, Riverhead, Long Island, N. Y., Sunday School	61.40
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. Will Cantrell	
In Memory of Mr. Caleb D. West	
In Memory of Mrs. Ethel M. Yates	
Total Memorial Gifts	32.50
Special Offerings	0
Total	$175.66
Total for the Week	$634.90

The Trouble With Adults Studying . . .

Richard N. Rinker

Consider a typical adult church school class. Perhaps ten or fifteen adults, both men and women, sit in rows before a lone lecturer. Each of the adults may be holding a lesson book of some kind. They pick it up from the storage shelf each Sunday morning and turn to the proper page. The lecturer has read the pages of concern and proceeds to repeat what was given in the pages for the benefit of the whole group. Occasionally one of the adults listening may interject a comment, more or less related to the theme for the day. Frequently the group goes off at a tangent and fails to return to the main concern until a few moments before the dismissal. Then the lecturer hurriedly sums up the lesson and away everyone goes until next Sunday morning.

Somewhere along the way, the study of concerns of our faith has become a necessary adjunct to waiting for our children to get out of class on Sunday morning. A comfortable mold has developed into which we can snuggle. **We all know snuggling Christians.** We have been members of this fraternity ourselves. We have sought after a stance which fits our ideals, or lack of them. We have thrust out in a search for inspiring lives, lived heroically and/or stoically, with whom we could identify — but not too closely. We have chased down those pre-carved niches in the walls of life into which we could squeeze.

Individualist — revolutionary — nonconfirmist: titles we have had no wish to appropriate for ourselves. There has always been discomfort, or uneasiness, or insecurity associated with them. We possess enough of these symptoms without encouraging additional ones in our "source of strength," personal faith.

Personal Decision

There have been certain trends in our thought processes which we have discouraged vigorously. This is because we know that anyone seriously studying matters of faith — God, Christ, church, man — sooner or later comes up to the point demanding decision. **Personal decision.** Troublesome decision. Never easy to make, these decisions become the harder for our study. To add to our discomfiture, because we have studied and thought we realize that decision cannot just be pushed aside for this, in itself, is a decision.

We discover things out about ourselves, our situation as creatures of God, and about those around us. Such discoveries discourage us from further study. We would prefer leaving certain doors closed. But even then we need to decide which doors are safe to open. It becomes discouraging with an even sharper focus when it comes down to either taking a step forward in growth or climbing into a comfortable niche and staying there. **We have evolved into a culture of niche-sitters.** One thing about a niche — if you huddle back far enough, the currents astir will pass before you and disturb nary a hair of your composure.

The first rule of niche-sitting is, as all good niche-sitters know, find someone who has lived an exemplary life or who has expressed an acceptable idea or two. Nod agreement or sagely give a scowl of approval. By no means try to struggle out of the niche. In so doing a perspective might be reached which could become a basic part of our lives. A Christian point of view perhaps!

If only we could think and study just for the sake of the pasttime. If only we didn't grow! **If only we could stop making discoveries!** If only we never had to make decisions which arise from our thinking and discoveries. Personal decision becomes necessary, however, and we become persons because we make decisions.

Risk

All right! It is necessary to decide. Can there be no decision unless there exists also risk? Must there always seem to be a danger in decision? Do we continually have to find our point of decision sharing space with the factor of risk? It would be so much more desirable to be able to make our tidy decisions without the mess inherently suggested by the risks at hand. Or even just to be totally unaware that risks are present . . .

Risk is a part of decision. We take risks every day of our lives. Usually we know what the "odds" are. We have learned that certain risks can be taken without fear, or with little fear, of unpleasant aftereffects. We have discovered that in matters of personal faith, that intangible stuff of which courage and understanding are composed, the risk cannot be accurately calculated. There may be no comfortable margin favoring our decisions. There is just the assurance that risk is involved.

Opportunity

As though we weren't uncomfortable enough, we find out that **opportunity is rarely possible without risk also being present.** They are the two sides of the coin of faith. We try learning how to flip this coin so that it will always land with the side we prefer up, opportunity. Or failing this, that it at least lands on edge. Difficult to accomplish at best.

The sides of this coin are not easily distinguishable. Opportunity becomes risk sometimes when we fail to believe that we are not alone in our decisions. Risk takes over, and fear dominates our hesitancy, when faith fails to encourage us that God is present in all decisions. No amount of study can provide this assurance. It is a matter more of depth than of quantity, more of quality than of simple dimensions. **Study provides tools and knowledge, but never an infallible method for making decisions.** This comes only with growth. Study may bring comfort, but only until we have again remembered that risk and opportunity are involved together in our lives and decisions.

Growth

To compound and confound our discomfort comes still another lesson to be learned in our study of things personal related to our faith. Without the personal decision, without the risk, without the opportunity, there can never be growth in responsibility, the ability to respond to God. **Unless we become willing to make decisions and take risks and find opportunities, we shall remain stagnant pools of complacent ethical realists, tucked away safe from harm in our niches.** Life is a growing process — not a contentment-seeking contest. That life will not remain static but that it will change either through growth or deterioration is a fact of life which cannot be disputed. That which is without nurture dies. That which remains long unfed perishes. That which goes without risk and opportunity shall not grow. Perhaps this is good, for if we continue to grow we need to keep finding new niches, and constant moving and searching is uncomfortable.

Study

Study will not solve problems always. With study comes a call to more study. Again and again study will demand decisions of us. And with these personal decisions will come the recognition that growth depends on both risking and taking advantage of opportunities thus found. Unless we dare, we are not alive. Life itself is a risk for some, a challenge for others. One lives with fear, the other with hope.

Let there be no deception in our thinking: **we study not for reward but for this challenge of life.** We are called to take risks if we are called to be followers of history's Christ. We are called to respond

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Adults Studying (Continued)

to God through opportunities thus revealed. Few opportunities are there which have not at first seemed to be risks for those who perceived them. Study makes us increasingly aware of this fact. It may prepare us for better acceptance of the fruits of our decisions. Study may show us other tools to use as we make our decisions and deepen our response to God. It may enable us to cry out in hopeful anticipation as we find the challenge of life to live with whole hearts involved and with whole minds committed. There are no molds to help us do this. **We grow toward it.** There are niches to be sure into which we can snuggle, and we will remain undisturbed so long as we do not think. There are church school classes, as well, which we attend, during which we listen, through which we endure, while we wait for our children to grow through another class.

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Mission In Honduras

"A dream of nearly five years became reality . . . ."

Since March, 1964, the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Honduras and the Mission have had a mobile unit furnished with audio-visual equipment. A dream of nearly five years became a reality as, piece by piece, the crating came off the dark green Jeep station wagon. A quick look inside revealed a unit ready to handle most any audio-visual assignment.

The only thing missing in this set-up was a driver-operator. That was supplied by the Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Honduras when they appointed don Enrique Roussel to spend a major portion of his time with this new equipment. Thus for nearly nine months don Enrique has been using the mobile unit and studying the many possibilities that it offers to the work of the church.

Because of its great versatility and because audio-visuals can be used in every type of work, the unit has been used in many places and by many groups. Most recently it has carried the Christmas message to the many parts of San Pedro Sula by showing films and filmstrips in the streets. The medical committee used its facilities to help in the education which is necessary in preventive medicine. The literacy worker plans to make use of it to help awaken the interest of several small villages and prepare them for a literacy program.

From: **The Rev. Gustav Kuether,** Honduras

John C. Allen III Licensed

A Service of Licensure and Installation for Rev. John C. Allen, III, was held at Turner's Chapel, Sanford, N. C., June 20, 1965, at 7:30 P.M. Participating in the service were Rev. A. M. Campbell, Chairman of the Committee on the Ministry, of the Eastern N. C. Conference, Rev. Lowell A. Smoot, President of the Eastern N. C. Conference, Mr. James Harrington, Chairman of the Board of Deacons of Turner's Chapel Church, the organist and choir of the Turner's Chapel Church.

Mr. Allen has been called as pastor of Turner's Chapel and Lee's Chapel Churches near Sanford, and Mt. Pleasant Church near Vass, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Allen will live in the Turner's Chapel parsonage, Route 5, Sanford, N. C.

Eastern Virginia Church School Convention

The Church School Convention of the Eastern Virginia Conference will meet at the Bethlehem United Church of Christ near Suffolk, Va., on July 20, 1965. Registration begins at 6:00 P. M., with a banquet, a worship service, and workshops to follow.

Workshops will be held on "Worship," "Missions," "Teaching Aids," and "Church School Evangelism." Church School teachers, ministers, members of Christian Education Committees, parents, and all concerned with the educational program of the Church School are invited to be present.

Eastern Virginia Churches are reminded of the 96th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Virginia Church School Convention at the Bethlehem Church on July 20, 1965. Plan to be present!

Missionary Concerns In Daily Living — Ghana

"...but modern missionaries must serve the needs as they see them."

In April Eileen was asked by the Department of Social Welfare in Ho to deliver a two hour lecture on dinner parties. This was a part of a series on "home management" given for women in Ho who needed to, or wanted to know more about entertaining. Using cookbooks, magazines and general knowledge acquired from experience, Eileen presented the lecture complete with a bulletin board display and demonstration of formal and informally set tables. It was a stimulating experience for her, and it apparently was well-received, as several weeks later the whole series was repeated for newly appointed District Commissioners (govt. officials comparable to county supervisors) who because of their position need to do considerable entertaining.

Perhaps it doesn't strike you as "typical missionary" activity ...but modern missionaries must serve the needs as they see them. In Ghana our United Church Board supports nearly fifty missionaries—only three of whom are ordained pastors, and only one of these is doing strictly evangelistic work. The rest are teachers, doctors, nurses and agriculturalists. The Ghanaian Evangelical Presbyterian Church under whom we serve is 100 years old, and carries on its own program of education and evangelization. Therefore missionary activity has branched into other areas. The real need is for trained personnel with specific talents who can train Africans for positions of responsible leadership in a developing nation. "How to give a successful dinner party" may be an insignificant problem when compared to tuberculosis control or food production, but it is still a part of daily living.

From: **Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lischer**
Ghana

NOTES FROM THE DESK

The Nongivers of Heed

Mankind is plagued with many kinds of fears. Of them all, the worst -- because of its effect on man's relationships with other men -- is being afraid to listen to ideas which may not agree with one's own.

We are afraid to listen for a variety of reasons: what others say may threaten our ideas; we may be so immature in our beliefs that even the slightest disagreement with our own beliefs is distressing; we dislike change, and change often occurs in our thinking when the ideas of others enter in; we are narrowmindedly convinced that no one who disagrees with us could possibly have ideas of any value; we are so busy making certain the other guy hears our ideas that we don't keep quiet long enough to listen to what he has to say; or we fail to listen because of who is doing the idea-sharing -- we dislike him, or are guilty of prejudice against him, or we believe him to be "different".

There are few things quite so ironically humorous as two people cranking out words at each other so busily that neither listens to a word the other is offering. Each will be as ignorant of the other's ideas as he would be if no such confrontation had occurred. Each will be convinced of the worthlessness of what the other said (though it was unheard).

In matters religious, this fear -- which in one way or another causes us not to listen to those with whom we disagree -- becomes a real problem. Communication is basic to witnessing. Communication is two way; if we expect someone to listen to whatever it is for which we testify, then we should acknowledge that he has the right to expect us to listen to his ideas.

A difference between hearing and listening needs to be pointed out. The former is a physical awareness, by way of the ears, that sounds are being produced. The latter includes hearing but also the beginnings, at least, of understanding with the mind, as well as responsiveness to what is said.

Too often we respond because we feel we are being disagreed with, not because of what the ideas being shared have to say. A fence -- a defense really -- goes up. We do not allow the "attacking" ideas to enter into our thinking. We do not listen. This sometimes becomes ludicrous. The response, "My mind's made up, don't confuse me with facts!" may not be as cartoonish as it seems.

Unless Christians can learn to respond openly to communicated ideas instead of defensively to what seems to disagree or threaten, stagnancy and further fragmentation of fellowship will continue. It is within the unity of the Christian fellowship that, in love, we can share responsibilities, ideals, dreams, and insights. When the unity is disrupted by mistrust based on an unwillingness to listen, the gospel witness suffers and the church becomes a place of pettiness and misdirected energies.

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The Faces of Our Mission

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For World Ministries

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.
/KJ

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.
/RSV

Happy are those who make peace, for they will be known as sons of God!
/Phillips

The qualities for makers of peace well-equip them for special sonship. Patience, love, understanding, deep strength, courage—these indeed are topnotch Christian qualities.

When impatience, hatred, ignorance, superficial strength, and bulliness or cowardice are put together, the result is quite in contrast. If we have been fortunate, we have had the good fortune to meet more of the former kind of leaders. Both, certainly, are leaders — one God-centered and the other self-centered.

Sonship under God places some heavy responsibilities on the individual. We must be willing to assume a place in line with our Lord, Stephen, Paul, Peter, the early church fathers and martyrs, Wyclif, Hus, Luther, Calvin, Robinson, O'Kelly and the others more contemporary who have added their lives to the peace of man's soul.

For peace — genuine peace — is the peace of a man's soul who, in faith, is secure in God's love and can battle the world to encourage others to find this peace.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

It remains the responsibility of every churchman to continually inform himself of the needs for mission in the world. To support the mission of the church without understanding is an insufficient witness. To support without awareness of need is meaningless in our Christian context.

Missionary education is therefore not an elective program for the church local. It is a basic part of Christian life. Nor is missionary education a dry, matter-of-fact drudgery — here is the fellowship of believers dynamically engaged in a confrontation with the needs of others. Such needs can never be dry, for they flow with the water of life. Certainly not matter-of-fact, because no neat patterns exist for mission. And unless one classifies the labors of our Lord struggling toward Calvary as drudgery, the mission which witnesses to his sacrifice is a patient, overcoming testimony to faith.

Our mission, when truly seen, does not create an impression of divine applause for our efforts. Rather it persistently disturbs our sense of "ought" as we realize how much must be done and how little our shares have been.

Unmoved by need, we will complacently dole out our dimes while our mission tremblingly advances, badly in need of dollars. Missionary education has become an elective program in our churches only when we have preferred to remain uninformed. Only when we prefer to remain complacent instead of compassionate.

On The Cover

Kyoto, Japan

Teaching at Doshisha

Robert Grant is a missionary representing us at **Doshisha University** in Kyoto, Japan. He is professor of American literature. Extracurricular activities include discussion groups in his home, church work, and special concern for his neighborhood families. In the photograph, Mr. Grant is telling a story to interested students. His wife, **Mrs. Jean Hill Grant,** served with him on the faculty of the University until her death in the fall of 1961.

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What Is The Board For World Ministries?

The United Church Board for World Ministries has its roots in an honored and cherished past. It unites in one body four agencies, once separate and independent, but for many years growing close together.

The Board for World Ministries continues the work of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the Board of International Missions, the Congregational Christian Service Committee, and the Commission on World Service of the two uniting denominations, namely, the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, founded in 1810, has been the overseas mission arm of the Congregational Christian Churches in the United States.

The Board of International Missions, founded in 1839, has been the overseas mission arm of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Board for World Ministries is divided into two main divisions: namely, one — mission; and two, service.

The Board for World Ministries seeks to answer the command of Christ, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

The Board for World Ministries seeks to render a service in response to Christ's words, "As you did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you did it unto me."

The Congregational Christian Service Committee and the Commission on World Service both grew out of Christian concern for war victims of World War II, and have been the overseas arms of the Congregational Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches in providing physical needs for people overseas.

The Board for World Ministries seeks to combine the two main concerns of Christ and His Church, namely, to preach the gospel and relieve human misery. The Board seeks to minister to man's total need — body, mind, and spirit.

Dr. Alford Carleton is Executive Vice-President of the Board for World Ministries, and Dr. Reginald H. Helfferich is General Secretary for World Service.

The Board publishes the **Calendar of Prayer,** a daily devotional type of publication, which allows Christians to pray for missionaries by name each day.

The Board for World Ministries seeks to provide missionary service to 33 countries of the world. More than 550 missionaries represent the United Church of Christ and the Board for World Ministries across the world.

More than 150 new missionaries are needed each year to replace retired missionaries and expand the program of work and service.

Miss Sally Kennedy, of Thomasville, N. C., will be a new teaching missionary to Kobe College in the fall of 1965.

The Board for World Ministries consists of 225 members serving for six years, elected by the General Synod of the United Church of Christ. 48 of these are chosen biennially to serve on the Board of Directors for a term of four years. 32 are advisory to the Division of World Mission, and 16 to the Division of World Service. Members are chosen from ministers and lay people.

Operating funds for the Board for World Ministries are received from legacies, endowment, investments, and apportionment support of Our Christian World Mission.

A part of the apportionment of the Southern Convention shares in the work of the Board for World Ministries.

Clyde L. Fields

Two Facets Of The Mission In India

The Changing Villagers

The districts of Ahmednagar and Supa in western India are barren lands, crowded with tiny villages and hungry people, and blessed with only occasional rainfall.

In this land the Rev. John Crozier has served **Our Christian World Mission** for thirty years, helping to bring faith and hope and physical sustenance to the people of an area some seventy-five miles long and fifty-five miles wide.

The people he serves are rural people whose wants are simple and whose lives are hard. Wheat and rice are expensive. When famine strikes, the people have to move on to any place where they can find work. Death from starvation is common.

But things are changing. A new sense of hope is arising in the land. Villagers are learning to share their meager supplies with their neighbors. And little groups gather to learn to read the Bible and to study the Christian way of life.

Today, there are twenty-seven organized churches in the districts of Ahmednagar and Supa. And, with the help of **Our Christian World Mission,** twenty more groups are now well on their way to becoming formal churches.

The Meaning of "Rachanyapuram"

When famine came to her region of India, Sarah was a widow with two children, and her only hope was the hope of a quick and merciful death.

Starvation is a slow death, and Sarah had become very weak. She was afraid for herself. She was also afraid for her two children.

Then she and her children were rescued by the "Place of Salvation," which is the literal translation of the Indian word "Rachanyapuram." To the United Church Board for World Ministries, which helps to support the "Place of Salvation" through funds contributed to **Our Christian World Mission,** the "Place of Salvation" is the Lucy Perry Noble Institute. But to Sarah and to thousands upon thousands of Indians living near Madurai, in South India, the Institute is exactly what they have called it in their own language.

The Institute houses and helps two hundred girls and a small number of boys. Academic classes, craft and industrial training, farm work, homemaking — all these are aspects of learning at the Institute, whose aim is especially to help the ill, the poor, the orphaned, and the physically handicapped.

Mission — The Christian's Calling

Most people, by the time they reach adulthood, have been introduced to the Old Testament character, Jonah. His adventures in attempting to dodge responsibility form a sharp image in our minds when we hear his name.

The word of the Lord, as it came to Jonah, is one of the earliest biblical hints that God is the God of all men, **a universal God.** In this tradition, the mission of the church has developed. When we think of the mission, we imagine the activities of our missionaries — more than 550 of them around the world. This, to most of us, is the mission of the church . . . the relating of the gospel of forgiving love to strangers in far off lands. To people of whom we know little and whom we shall probably never see.

The fact that there are homeland missions, as well as overseas missions, does not disturb our image of the mission. The distance is somewhat shorter, but still the mission serves the stranger, unknown except by some vague needs of which we are told.

An extremely powerful awakening is breaking through in the thinking of Christian men and women across the nation. It is this: **EITHER WE ACT IN THE BELIEF THAT ALL SITUATIONS DESERVE OUR CHRISTIAN CONCERN, OR WE DENY THE UNIVERSALITY OF GOD'S COMPASSION AND HIS CONCERN FOR THE WHOLENESS OF LIFE.** This means acting as witnesses where we are as well as through our missionaries in other places. All Christians, not just the professional missionaries, have responsibilities for living their faith within the daily life situations they share.

This rediscovery is basic to the teachings of our Lord. Think of the commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves adopted from Leviticus 19:18 by Jesus. Paul, in Romans 9:13, and James, in 2:8, both add their agreement to the central place of this "royal law."

THE REDISCOVERY OF MISSION AS EVERY CHRISTIAN'S DIRECT CALLING IS GOING TO DISTURB SOME OF US. **IT WILL CERTAINLY SHAKE UP THOSE OF US WHO CONSIDER RELIGION NEGATIVELY.** Proudly we point out that we do **not** do this or that we do **not** do that. In terms of witnessing, we witness more to a legalistic Old Testament code than to a Christ-centered, active and outreaching gospel.

"Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

"You know the commandments!"

"Yes, and I've done them since youth!"

And Jesus' instructions to that rich young man? Witness where you are with what you possess. Testify in action that you believe more in God than in the possessions of the world. Show where your faith is centered right here where you live.

Following the commandments is not the mark of perfection we sometimes like to think it is. Rather, it is the basic minimum for bearing the name Christian. This much God assumes will be done. The calling of the Christian is to mission. Outgoing witness where Christians are as well as they can be represented by missionary emissaries.

THE REDISCOVERY OF MISSION AS EVERY CHRISTIAN'S DIRECT CALLING **WILL ALSO SHAKE UP CHURCHMEN WHOSE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CHURCH IS SELF-CENTERED AND RITUALISTIC.** Those of us who worship mechanically, attend the meetings, pay the dues, work for special events, and verbally profess the purposes of the organization are loyal to what? It is too often a loyalty to an organization which brings benefits when a certain procedure is followed, eg., meetings, worship ritual, etc. We are the ones who bring our children for baptism, see them accepted as members, married and who are buried by the church. From it we receive traditionally accepted marks of religion. Content and complacent in these things, we respond to God in very few other ways. Though we are reluctant to admit it, we have made our relationship to Religion a substitute for a relationship to God. When religious organization ceases to be a tool and becomes the goal in itself, then we are abusing the role of the church.

In Mark's gospel, Jesus impatiently exclaimed to the Pharisees, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God, in order to keep your tradition!" When religious tradition becomes a goal preventing us from witnessing according to our callings as Christians with a mission, then we need to take a hard look at what religion has become in our lives.

THE REDISCOVERY OF MISSION AS EVERY CHRISTIAN'S PERSONAL AND DIRECT CALLING **IS GOING TO SHATTER THE ILLUSION OF THOSE WHO THINK OF THE CHURCH AS ISOLATED AND PROTECTED FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD.** The church is less of a fortress than it is a place for moral and spiritual refreshment. It is less a hiding place than a jumping off place. Less a retreat than a strong base from which to launch out with the gospel of Christ Jesus.

In the history of the early Church, as recorded in the Book of the Acts, the picture of the church reveals not a withdrawn, whispering, sheltered fellowship but an outgoing, proclaiming, aggressive bunch convinced that they have something worth sharing with others — not only in lands far removed, but right in their own neighborhoods. It was in Jerusalem that the early church had to be done, and it was done. Then it went out.

Either we act in the belief that all situations deserve our Christian concern, or we deny the universality of God's compassion and His concern for the wholeness of life. **Our calling is to be involved in mission right where we are,** as well as where we cannot be, through others.

DRIVE PLANNED

$1,000,000 Increase For Vital Mission Work

The chairman of the UCC Budget Committee has announced that the committee will recommend to the General Synod that $1,000,000 be raised next year over the 1965 receipts for Our Christian World Mission "to finance urgently needed work beyond what is now provided for through Basic Support."

The 1966 budget recommendation, now estimated at $12,000,000, is $2,300,000 under the $14,300,000 askings for OCWM voted by the Third and Fourth General Synods.

"This year's recommendation is based upon our experience of giving for OCWM. It will bring our asking for funds well within a realistic expectation of what we can raise," Dr. Harry W. Bredeweg stated.

"But," he added, "this new money over 1965 receipts must be contributed or the UCC will fall behind in all areas of missionary work."

"This new money is a part of the Basic Support for OCWM. But we are not planning to spend it until we get it," he added.

Dr. Bredeweg explained that the Budget Commission will recommend that Basic Support for 1966 be the actual amount contributed to the support of national instrumentalities in 1965, plus, the $1,000,000 for work that cannot be undertaken without such an increase. This additional money will not be available for spending until early 1967, when results of 1966 giving will be known.

Work to be undertaken with money from the $1,000,000 "advance" is described in the booklet "Target Ahead," published by the Stewardship Council for the Budget Committee. This work includes expansion of industrial evangelism in Asia, Africa and Latin America; care of refugees from political and racial persecution (especially in Africa); contributions to a $10,000,000 emergency fund for Africa, and training of doctors, lawyers, teachers and other professionals to help relieve the shortage of leaders in the new nations.

Also included are remedial education programs to prepare youthful Negroes, Indians and Spanish-speaking Americans for college; aid for higher education of potential leaders of these groups, programs for recruitment and care of Negroes preparing for the ministry, and continuing education for Negro clergymen.

Poverty, fair housing, leisure and arts programs; institutes and seminars for the laity, and a nationwide series of television programs dealing with social and ethical problems are also in the plan.

The new money will not go to instrumentalities on a percentage basis, Dr. Bredeweg said. Instead, projects will be designated on a priority schedule, money assigned and leadership recruited from one or more instrumentalities by the council of the heads of instrumentalities.

"No work will be begun unless financing is in hand, and no money will be assigned to a project unless we are reasonably certain that it has been planned realistically, that the financial estimates are sound and that it will deal with a critically important missionary need," Dr. Bredeweg said.

The Stewardship Council has announced that it will conduct the drive for the "Target Ahead" increase as part of a larger fund raising and stewardship education program called "Breakthrough," scheduled to begin in the fall. The heart of the "Breakthrough" project is an "every-church visitation" in which teams trained by the Stewardship Council will visit all United Church of Christ churches.

Jerusalem, Jordan

Water Provision

Tapping water through **restoration of ancient storage and irrigation facilities** is expected to have a profound economic and social effect on Jordan, where the government in the past has had to spend $600,000 each year for trucking water. Perhaps the boy in the picture will be one who benefits from this undertaking. Serving for us through the United Church Board for World Ministries in Jerusalem, are **Richard and Barbara Butler.** Mr. Butler serves as director for the Near East Christian Council Committe for Refugee Work. Together the Butlers supervise a work in which a dozen nationalities and many communions are involved. Part of Mr. Butler's responsibilities include inter-agency coordination of refugee work in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, and the Gaza Strip, serving upwards of a million displaced people.

DISCOUNT ON BOOKS

A discount of 20%, with certain exceptions, will be granted to ministers and lay persons ordering books and Bibles from the United Church Bookstore catalogue, effective July 1, 1965.

The United Church of Christ operates bookstores at 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., and at 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. Churches in our area should take advantage of this opportunity to order books and Bibles from our own denominational bookstores at the above named discount advantage.

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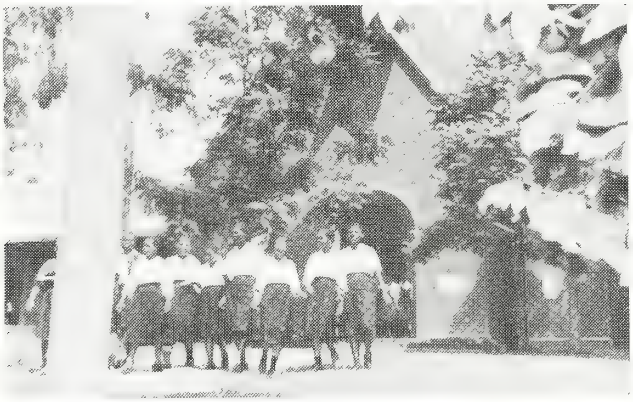
A founder of the American Bible Society in 1816 and its second president was John Jay, first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Jay—noted also as diplomat and Governor of New York—was Chief Justice from 1789 to 1795 and president of the American Bible Society from 1821 to 1829.

Inanda, So. Africa

The Seminary

Seventeen miles northwest of Durban, South Africa, there is a mission station known as Inanda. At Inanda is the **Inanda Seminary for Girls,** which is the only Protestant private school for African young people remaining in the Republic of South Africa. Principal of the Seminary is **Miss Lavinia Scott,** a United Church Board for World Ministries missionary. This Seminary is a high school with courses in general academic and home economic subjects. The 325 students come from all parts of South Africa. Three times more applicants apply than can be accepted. Many of the girls go on to study for nursing or teaching. Some of the girls are shown leaving the chapel in the picture.



YOUR REGULAR GIFTS TO OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION WITNESS TO YOUR FAITH AND LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST

The first-aid box belonging to Catawba College was misplaced during the Women's Summer Conference. If you attended the Conference and took the first-aid box through mistake, or if you know where it can be located, please contact Mrs. Annie Fullmer, Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina, or Mrs. Van D. Grimes, Faith, North Carolina.

A Summer Project for Junior Highs

This idea was found in the bulletin from Heidelberg United Church of Christ, Thomasville. Their junior choir will be collecting bulletins from vacationers attending other churches during vacation time. From these bulletins the junior choir will make an attractive and interesting bulletin display.

LAITY WORKSHOPS

For Men and Women of the
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
of the
United Church of Christ

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 1965
2:30 — 5:30

NORTH CAROLINA	
ASHEBORO	First Evangelical and Reformed Church, 221 Cliff Road
ELON COLLEGE	Community Church, Williamson and Haggard Streets
FAYETTEVILLE	Eutaw Community Church, 900 Stamper Rd. (off Ft. Bragg)
GREENSBORO	Monticello Church, on 29A at Brown Summit
LEXINGTON	Second Evangelical and Reformed Church, 200 N. Church St.
NEW BERN	West Street Church
NEWTON	Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church, College and J Streets
RALEIGH	Chapel Hill United Church, 211 West Cameron Avenue
SALISBURY	Grace-Lowerstone Church, Rt. 1, 2½ Miles South of Rockwell
VIRGINIA	
CHESAPEAKE	Great Bridge, Highway 165 near school

Bring good used clothing for Franklinton Center at Bricks, N. C., Thrift Shop — A Home Mission project of the United Church of Christ.

Literature for sale at the meeting will include PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS notebooks and 1965-66 Fillers, and Adult Mission Study Books.

MISSION: THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING

ON THE EDGE

The Wednesday evening Prayer and Bible Study on June 30 at **Palm Street United Church of Christ, Greensboro** ,was concerned with **Our Basis for Prayer.** Pastor of the church is the Rev. John D. Schofield.

On June 27, at **First Christian Church (UCC) Burlington**, concerned church members met together to discuss **Concerns As Christians.** This is one of the events within the context of the Mission On Renewal and Evangelism in which the church is sharing.

During the first week of June, the Women's Fellowship of **Parkway United Church of Christ in Winston-Salem** had Mrs. Alice Edwards, missionary on furlough from Nigeria, as their guest speaker with slides of her work.

The Women's Fellowship of the **Windsor Congregational Christian Church** had Mrs. Dwight W. Moore as guest leader on June 13. Mrs. Moore, wife of the pastor at Oakland Christian Church in Chuckatuck, presented a program on the Missions theme.

Superintendent Clyde Fields was the guest evangelist for revival services at Piney Plain Christian Church near Raleigh, N. C., for the week of June 21-25th. The pastor of the Piney Plain Church is Rev. Martin L. Fogleman. Bobby Hamilton and the Piney Plain Church choir provided special music for the revival services.

Superintendent Clyde Fields was the guest minister for the Franklin Congregational Christian Church, Franklin, Virginia, on Sunday, July 27th. Mr. Fields will also be the guest minister for the Hunterdale United Church of Christ near Franklin, Va., on Sunday, July 18th.

Eastern North Carolina Laymen's Rally

On July 11, at 6:00, the laymen of the Eastern North Carolina Conference of the Southern Convention met with their wives at McCullers Ruritan Club House near Raleigh for a supper meeting.

The laymen of the **Plymouth Congregational Christian Church** outside of Raleigh prepared the meal. Guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. James W. Batten, professor at East Carolina College; his address was entitled **Religion In The Space Age.**

Spring Issue of FOCUS for Youth Leaders

FOCUS — Clues for the Youth Ministry, in its spring 1965 issue, has some fine hints about what's going on elsewhere in the Youth Ministry. Articles include "We Discovered the Church Beyond Us"; "Youth Ministry In a Small Town"; "Have You Tried Drama?"; "Basic Program Resources."

FOCUS comes out three times a year. It may be ordered through the Office for Literature Sales, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19102. The cost is 10c per copy in quantities of 10 or more. Key leaders in your youth fellowship should have it.

IN HONG KONG

Church World Service

Wherever there is need, there is a place for Church World Service, and in refugee-crowded Hong Kong the need is everywhere, for the city is overflowing with misery. The result: there are literally hundreds of different projects by which Church World Service, with the help of funds contributed through **Our Christian World Mission,** tries to meet these needs.

- It sponsors a kitchen which prepares 20,000 hot meals a day — the only hot meals that many Hong Kong schoolchildren receive.
- It sponsors a mobile dental clinic, through which seventeen dentists serve more than 500,000 people.
- It sponsors a milk station, where even the smallest of children, some of them carried by their older brothers and sisters, form a seemingly endless line.
- It sponsors a girls' hostel . . . a warehouse where food is distributed to the needy . . . a school for deaf children . . . and, everywhere, community centers, including one with an automobile repair shop where untrained boys are taught useful mechanical skills.

Naples, Italy

Casa Mia

Miss Hulda Stettler, a United Church Board for World Ministries missionary, works with the Italian Service Mission to meet the needs of thousands of people living in the slum area along the waterfront of Naples. In the center of this area **Casa Mia** is extending its services. Under the direction of Dr. Santi and his co-workers, kindergarten and elementary school classes, craft and trade classes for older children, sports club program for young men, a wide program of medical assistance, and a feeding program for the five to six hundred children at **Casa Mia** are all carried on. The photograph shows young women in vocational training . . . one aspect of our mission there.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Hard Work Of D. Marsh McLelland Recognized

July 20, 1965

Dear Friends:

At the last meeting of our Board of Trustees, it was the happy privilege of Rev. Kenneth D. Register, Chairman of the Mission Board, and myself, as Superintendent of the Home, to present to Mr. Marsh McLelland, who is a member of our Board of Trustees and a member of the Mission Board, a set of the Interpreter's Bible.

We presented this to Mr. McLelland on behalf of our respective organizations because of his outstanding contribution to us in giving us counsel as to procedures we should follow relative to making necessary changes in our charters and by-laws of the respective organizations. Mr. McLelland serves not only on our Board of Trustees and on the Mission Board, but is an active layman in his church, willing to assume responsible positions whenever called upon to do so.

At present he is heading up the MORE movement in the Elon College Community Church. The people of Alamance County are most fortunate to have this Christian gentleman as their Clerk of Court as well as Juvenile Judge.

We, along with the Mission Board, are more than happy and proud that we can count him as a member of our respective boards.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

Dr. Snyder and Rev. Register presenting Mr. McLelland (center) with Interpreter's Bible for his outstanding work for the Elon Home and Mission Guard of the Southern Convention.

REPORT FOR JUNE 28, 1965
Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Western North Carolina Conference	$ 44.50
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	21.62
Total	$ 66.12
Special Offerings	
Sunday School, First Congregational Church, Bethel, Connecticut	1.00
Kate Newman Circle, First United Church of Christ, Hampton, Virginia	10.00
Elon Sewing Group, Hendersonville, N. C.	100.00
Adult Bible Class, Clayton Christian Church, Clayton, N. C.	5.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mrs. Martha Barker Scoggins	
In Memory of Mrs. Francis Boland Shields	
In Memory of Shelia Rene Faucette	
In Memory of Mr. Caleb D. West	
In Memory of Mr. Ham McCuiston	
Total Memorial Gifts	35.00
Special Offerings	100.65
Total	$251.65
Total for the Week	$317.77

The Preacher's Predecessor

By John G. Truitt

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matthew 4:17)

How about it? Wouldn't every preacher like to feel that Jesus was his predecessor! I think now of the predecessors I have had in my own ministry. It has been a joy to follow them, fine humble preachers as they were! Their work inspired me. Caused me to strive to do well, and better each week than the week before.

But how about Jesus! How about looking on Him as one of my predecessors! Ought that not to make a minister feel humble indeed. Yes, and anxious to be clean and pure and holy? Will that not give anyone of us pause? It surely will show us up as the poor, humble, sinners we are! It will send us to our knees for His pardon, guidance, and the giving of His strength and faith and love.

Our Predecessor, what did He preach? "He began to preach and say: Repent"! There is the beginning place for us all, as His hearers. Repent, and with a deep turning from sin and to the Lord Jesus. Repent for our lack of love for the unlovely. Repent from our unwillingness to unselfishly serve others, and to minimize ourselves in so doing.

Repent, for why? "For the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" God's open door is here. Enter, but enter clean! God's open door is here, and isn't that enough to send one forth preaching the kingdom of heaven to those who hunger for His righteousness?

They did not understand the kingdom of heaven, could not see it; but they could see Jesus! Can those who hear our sermons see Him, too?

O God, have mercy, and let it be so for me! And my fellows! Amen.

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Work In Zambia

The Christian Art Studio

In the turmoil of today's world the peaceful side of life in Africa is often ignored by the newspaper headlines. But the peaceful people do indeed exist in the midst of the turmoil, and they can be found, for example, in the art studio in the heart of Kitwe, in the new nation of Zambia.

The art studio is part of the African Literature Center, which funds contributed through **Our Christian World Mission** help to support as a part of the work of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the National Council of Churches.

"Lit-Lit," as this committee is popularly called, strives to bring the benefits of Christian education to struggling peoples of the world, and in the art center of Kitwe the opportunity to do so is a golden one — both through art and literature.

In fifteen months, the first graduates of the new studio will receive their diplomas and return to their home churches to develop the literature publication programs of these churches. And other students are eagerly waiting to take their places in the studio.

Why, you ask, is this so important? The answer is a forthright one. As Africa takes its place in the modern world, the advance of Christianity is becoming more and more crucial. And the Christian artists of Kitwe know that one important way of expressing their own Christian faith is through the pictorial images they create — images that are true to African life and can thus be understood by their fellow Africans.

Jacksonville Judge Describes The N.C.C.

Calling the National Council of Churches the best way in which American churches "can make an impact on the world," Judge William Maness told a meeting of the South Georgia Methodist Conference what the NCC is and isn't. The judge, a prominent citizen of Jacksonville, Fla., is author of the tongue-in-cheek volume, "How to Investigate the National Council of Churches."

The Council is engaged in the Negro's demands for equal rights because it is the main challenge to the church, today, said Judge Maness. "It was not created for the purpose of aiding and abetting the Negro revolution, although at the direction of the representatives of its constituent communions, it has done so."

On policy statements on social and economic problems, Judge Maness pointed out that these, too, are made at the direction of its constituent communions, and must be approved by them. Judge Maness' book may be ordered at $1.00 a copy from the Crawford Publishing Co., P. O. Box 2586, Jacksonville, Fla. 32202.

During current conferences and assemblies of constituent denominations, which have all voiced overwhelming support of the National Council, some curious sidelights were bound to develop. One of these is reported in the June 14 issue of "The Presbyterian Outlook."

To meet objections of critics of the NCC, a Session of a church in the South issued pledge cards stating: "None of this pledge will go to the National Council of Churches but (I understand) that I may contribute to the NCC through the church by sending funds designated for this purpose to the church office." The result — whereas the church never gave the NCC more than about $40, the designated pledges amounted to nearly $600.

A Personal Prayer

Lord, help me to see myself as I am seen by others, known and unknown, friend and foe, loved and ignored; and in thus seeing myself, reveal to my unwilling mind how inadequately others have seen thee at work in me because of my shortcomings.

Direct my eyes compassionately outward, O God, that I may see not human objects to be used, but persons of worth in thy sight with needs I can help to satisfy.

Remain in my conscious thoughts, Father, that thy disturbing presence might keep me from growing smug and comfortable. In this awareness of thee, guide me in an understanding of who I am in thy sight.

Amen.

Ebeye, Marshall Islands

Preaching Missions

Ebeye is a one-square-mile coral islet in the Kwajalein Atoll of the Central Marshall Islands. It is the home of 3,000 Marshallese people, many of whom work at the U. S. Pacific Missile Range Facility on another islet. **The Rev. Elden and Alice Buck** are our missionaries there. Mr. Buck serves as advisor for the scattered island churches throughout the Northern Marshalls and administrator and teacher for the **Ebeye Christian Elementary School,** which has an enrollment of about 350. Mrs. Buck gives much of her time to Bible revision and translation work and to the writing of church school materials for the **Pacific Islands Christian Education Curriculum.** She counsels with church school teachers as a part of her work. Mrs. Buck is the daughter of missionaries and as a child spent part of her life in the Caroline Islands.

The photograph pictures a worship service in the Marshall Islands being led by members of the church.

Statement Of Faith Available

Rev. Bill Simmons, P. O. Box 15126, Chesapeake, Va., has 5,000 printed copies of the Statement of Faith of the United Church of Christ, which are made available to the churches of the Southern Convention. Copies are free in limited quantities to churches desiring same without charge, except for the postage and mailing.

Pastors or Church Secretaries interested in receiving copies of the Statement of Faith for the local congregation may order from Rev. Bill Simmons at the above address.

The Clock

There is a clock upon the shelf.
It keeps the time so well indeed
That its old face is known throughout
The home of those in rags or wealth.

The clock is great in gothic style
But tarnished at the base of gold.
The fairest part — the pendulum
Which swings in one so graceful smile.

It seems so strange that when my eye
Is turned, it still will tick alone.
And stranger yet, that it won't stop
When I meet faith's fair fate and die.

Some say that it will never stop
But I just know that this old clock
Will keep the time so well and right
No longer than One winds it up.

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The Statement Of Faith Of The United Church Of Christ

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify:

He calls the worlds into being,
creates man in his own image
and sets before him the ways of life and death.
He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.
He judges men and nations by his righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.
In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord,
he has come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to himself.
He bestows upon us His Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.
He calls us into his Church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be his servants in the service of men,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.
He promises to all who trust him
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
his presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.
Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

God grant me the serenity to accept things I cannot change,
Courage to change things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference.

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Radio Voice of the Gospel

In the fall of 1963, the **Rev. and Mrs. William L. Graffam** joined the staff of **Radio Voice of the Gospel** in Addis Ababa. This ecumenical venture in Christian broadcasting beams shortwave programs to Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. Mr. Graffam is Program Exchange Officer and helps stations in other countries in script exchanges and finding new materials useful in the preparation of programs.

In Africa and the Middle East, radio plays as important a role in everyday life as TV does in America. In the picture, a woman of the Sudan listens to a broadcast coming from the RVOG station site in Ethiopia. In many countries which receive the Christian broadcasts, doors are closing to the evangel. Radio is one of the few doors still open.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

SOCIAL SCIENCE CHAIRMAN

Dr. Edmund A. Moore

Dr. Edmund A. Moore, a native of Minnesota, who comes to Elon from California State College at Los Angeles, has been named as professor of history and chairman of the Department of Social Sciences at Elon College, President J. E. Danieley has announced.

Dr. Moore will fill the post left vacant when Dr. H. H. Cunningham resigned his Elon faculty post to become professor of Southern History at the University of Georgia.

The new Elon professor and department head received both the B. A. and M. A. degrees at the University of Minnesota and later earned the Ph. D. degree at the University of Chicago.

He was professor of United States history and chairman of the department at the University of Connecticut from 1932 until 1958, was a lecturer in history at the University of Maryland from 1959 until 1962, and during the past year has been a visiting professor at California State College at Los Angeles.

Dr. Moore holds membership in the American Historical Association, Mississippi Valley Historical Association and Phi Beta Kappa. He is the author of "A Catholic Runs for President: The Campaign of 1928," and has written numerous reviews of scholarly books for various historical magazines.

Contracts Let For Heating

Contracts were let June 24th to Carl B. Mims Plumbing & Heating Company of Raleigh, for a new system of heat distribution lines on the Elon College campus. The work is to begin immediately and to be completed within 90 days, in time for use by the College during the new 1965-66 College term, according to a statement released by President J. E. Danieley.

The Raleigh Company submitted the low bid of $163,602 for the project, which will provide new heat distribution pipes to carry steam and hot water underground from the power plant to every building on the Elon campus. Some buildings have previously relied on individual hot water heat units for their supply of hot water.

The new hot water lines will be completed and ready for use within 45 days, with the contract calling for a completion of the entire hot water and heating system within 3 months.

EDITOR ON VACATION

The July 13 and 20 issues of **The Christian Sun** are being edited by Mr. John Massey, Student Associate in Christian Education, working with Rev. Richard N. Rinker this summer. Mr. Rinker will be taking half of his vacation during the two weeks preceding these issues.

We are grateful to Mr. Oscar Sowers for his counsel and skills each week. Mr. Sowers puts the pages together for printing each issue at Durham Printing Company in Asheboro.

Thomas William Chandler

Thomas William Chandler, 84, died at his home in Virgilina, Virginia, June 24th, following several months of declining health. Mr. Chandler and his family have for many years been staunch supporters of Elon College and the Congregational Christian Church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Watson Chandler, an early alumna and for many years a Trustee of the College, and whose father — Dr. G. S. Watson — was among the original Trustees of Elon; a daughter, Mrs. Cecil B. Wilkens of Virgilina, an alumna of Elon and presently a member of the Board of Trustees; a son, George R. Chandler of Madisonville, Kentucky, an alumnus of Elon; two sisters, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Chandler was an able businessman and who was held in highest regard by a host of acquaintances and associates.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 25th, by Rev. Mack V. Welch, Pastor, and Dr. John G. Truitt, of Elon College, at Union Church of Virgilina, where Mr. Chandler was for many years a loyal member. Burial followed in the Virgilina Cemetery.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOWDEN FAMILY

The Elon College community takes pride in the accomplishments of a native son. Douglas Bowden has just received a Doctor of Medicine degree from Stanford University in California.

Douglas, who studied a year in Russia and took his first medical studies at Harvard University, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Bowden of Bloomington, Indiana. Dr. Bowden, who for several years has been Dean of the Indiana School of Religion, in Bloomington, and the father of young Dr. Bowden, was for several years a member of the Elon College faculty and Dean. Douglas was born in Elon. The Bowdens are fondly remembered in Elon. The elder Dr. Bowden was a native of Norfolk, Virginia, and a member of The Christian Temple.

News Notes

We are glad to report that Dr. L. E. Smith, president emeritus of Elon College, has returned to his home at 3776 Jefferson Blvd., Virginia Beach, Virginia, from the Norfolk General Hospital. He had been in the hospital since May 20 when he had the misfortune of an accident in which he broke his arm. He will be glad to hear from his many friends.

Rev. C. Carl Dollar of Holland, Virginia, has returned to his home following surgery at the Norfolk General Hospital. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mid-Week Family Worship at Bayside

On Wednesday, June 30, the first Midweek Family Church Service was held by the Bayside Christian Church at Virginia Beach. The service was on the same order as the Sunday morning service, though not as formal or as long. Families were invited to sit together. Pastor for the church is the Rev. Earl Farrell.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Green Jungles and Dark Streets

Though not readily apparent, there is a similarity between the steaming, green jungles of tropical lands and the cold, dark night streets of our large cities. The similarity is opportunity, need and urgency.

The vision of the church is gradually broadening to respond in witnessing action to our Lord's total-life outlook. He ministered to body, mind and soul. He served all classes of people, from religious leaders to despised outcasts. In city and village, beyond and within his own community -- he effectively witnessed to his faith in active response to opportunities, needs and the urgency of his day.

Our witness can best be made by our sharing in outgoing mission. Responsible mission means leadership in touch with opportunities and needs around the earth and the ability of the church to act in response. Responsible mission makes use of economical methods, wisely-directed purchasing, balanced support, up-to-date and relevant educational services.

It is quite possible to witness without sharing in an organized missions program that includes the qualities suggested above. It is also possible to carry sugar in a sieve or dig a large hole with a small spoon.

The church is not just a local group of individuals who meet regularly for worship. It is a fellowship beyond and including the local group -- a fellowship of believers in the Christ, united in working to learn and carry out the will of God.

One of our responsibilities, as members one of another, is to remain informed of the life-involvement in which our mission operates. This life-involvement has to do with life in depth -- the mentally disturbed, the misdirected and distrustful, the addicts, the incurably afflicted, the broken homes, the pre-maritally pregnant, and wherever else the knowledge of the saving grace of God is needed. This is where the mission works.

And the church is becoming involved! In response to God's love, the church has no alternative. As it has through the centuries, it continues to mature in service and awareness of its role in the world.

This life-involvement is the same involvement with life exemplified in the life of the man of Nazareth. He sought out the deeply disturbing pressures on human existence: guilt, fear, despair, loneliness, prejudice. He directed the light of God's love upon them. And to this the mission of his church is called. Together.

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The Faces of Our Mission

The United Church Board
For Homeland Ministries

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
/RSV

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
/KJ

Happy are those who claim nothing, for the whole earth will belong to them!
/Phillips

It is interesting to note that millions of years ago, during the same prehistoric era, two creatures lived among the many others on earth. One was the terrible Tyrannasaurus Rex, king of the dinosaurs. Massive, powerful, murderous, merciless, and insatiately hungry.

The other was one of the ancestors of our present-day camel — not particularly outstanding for any quality. Quiet, apparently unpretentious, mild-mannered, content with available resources. He had neither the strength nor the fighting equipment to demand anything.

Of the king of the dinosaurs there is now no vestige of life. The camel continues to exist.

Our Homeland Ministries

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries is a mission to proclaim the Good News to all men and to teach them this news in all places in any such ways that men with different capacities for learning may understand it. This mission extends to all men the right of membership in the community of those who know that they will be forgiven and knowing this can face their lives of problems with confidence and assurance. This Board is a means by which the vision of the mission is shared and enlarged.

The Board is composed of two hundred and twenty-five corporate members, elected by the General Synod, and meets annually to review the work of the board. From these corporate members fifty are elected to serve as the Board of Directors, meeting three times a year. This Board is composed of one-third women, one-third laymen, and one-third ministers.

The general officers of the Board for Homeland Ministries include the Executive Vice President, Treasurer, and the General Secretaries. Each General Secretary is responsible for one of six divisions. The divisions are:

Division of Christian Education
Division of Church Extension
Division of Evangelism
Division of Health and Welfare Services
Division of Higher Education and The American Missionary Association
Division of Publication

This issue of **The Christian Sun** will concentrate mainly on the Board for Homeland Ministries, the six divisions of the Board, and what this Board is doing in this country in its mission to teach every man the Good News.

On The Cover

Fisk University

Students at Fisk University learn photospectometry, an advance technique in physics. They are shown with their instructor. This department at Fisk brings many of the country's leading scientists to Fisk for special conferences. Fisk is an AMA college.

The Christian Sun

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Fifth General Synod Meets

The Fifth General Synod of the United Church of Christ met in Chicago, Illinois, June 30 - July 7, 1965. Delegates from the Southern Convention included: Mrs. J. Earl Danieley, Mrs. K. D. Register, Mrs. R. M. Cline, E. J. Austin, Revs. Lowell Smoot, Avery Brown, Robert B. Marr, Richard Jackson, and H. Winfred Bray.

Dr. Ben M. Herbster was reelected President; Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer was reelected Secretary; Charles H. Lockyear was reelected Treasurer. Dr. Hollis F. Price, President of LeMoyne College, Memphis, Tenn., was elected Moderator. Rev. George Gerald Parker, Minister of First Congregational Church, Manhasset, N. Y., and Mrs. Martin H. Burger of Jamestown, Missouri, were elected Assistant Moderators.

The Synod reaffirmed the 1963 decision to maintain the national headquarters in New York City, and instructed the instrumentalities to move all offices other than regional and field offices to New York City at the earliest possible date.

The Synod established the Historical Commission to act in behalf of the Evangelical & Reformed and the Congregational Christian Historical Societies.

The Synod adopted "The Missionary Role of the Parish Church" as the emphasis for 1968-69, and voted to continue the emphasis on "The Church and Urbanization" for 1966-67.

The Synod urged churches to emphasize their membership in the denomination through the use of the name "United Church of Christ" wherever possible.

The Synod approved an all-out attack on poverty by the denomination. The Synod heard Mr. Berman Gibson, an unemployed Hazard, Kentucky, miner, speak of his first-hand experiences in regions of deep poverty. He suggested that his region was seeking to cope with poverty with all the resources available and much help was needed.

The Synod voted to continue the struggle for racial justice, in an attempt to break down all barriers of discrimination wherever they exist. The Synod voted to work to remove state laws which discriminate against minorities in any fashion.

The Synod heard Rev. Harold D. Long, Minister of First United Church of Christ, Birmingham, Alabama, in the Saturday evening communion service.

The Synod heard Dr. Robert W. Spike, Executive Director of the National Council of Churches' Commission on Religion and Race, say that Protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews in "a coalition of consciences" have acted as a "third force," which has prevented the "drift toward outright rebellion and violence" in the civil rights struggle.

The Synod heard the Commission on Christian Unity indicate that progress is being made in the consultation on Church Union. The Synod voted to continue negotiations in Church Union with the understanding that any formal union would require the consent of Conferences and local churches who wish to be a part of any new merger.

The Synod reaffirmed its belief that the National Council of Churches is "a faithful and useful instrument of the Lord Christ in the mission shared by all who bear his name."

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

The Synod voted for support of "Breakthrough" in a concentrated effort to raise the stewardship level of the churches of the United Church of Christ. **Breakthrough** will be conducted in most areas of the United Church of Christ during the last two weeks of September and the first week of October, 1965. The Southern Convention is cooperating in this stewardship educational approach for better support of the mission of the church.

The Synod heard Dr. Harvey G. Cox of Harvard Divinity School speak on "Mission in the New World."

The Synod took action to aid retired ministers by voting that the Annuities be immediately supplemented to bring them up to $1200 a year.

The Synod heard a report from the Board for World Ministries, calling attention to the fact that lack of financial support has caused deficit financing in continuing our mission work overseas. People and money are needed in extending the mission of Christ throughout all the world.

The Synod heard Dr. Horst Symanokski, a minister from West Germany, who acts as Director of the Mainz-Kastel Mission House, speak on "The Failure of the Church to Adapt Itself to the Changing World Would Enable the Marxists to Take the Lead in the Struggle for the Allegiance of Men." He pointed out that the failure of the Church to relate itself to problems of Germany led to the emergence of Hitler as a Dictator.

The Synod heard a powerful address by Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, President of the National Council of Churches, who spoke on, "The Fulfillment of the American Dream of Freedom."

The Synod heard Attorney Morris B. Abram, President of the American Jewish Committee, call for increasing dialogue between religions in which "each in candor evaluates its own successes and failures, admits its past errors, and resolves to work cooperatively for a better society."

The Synod recommended that Conferences establish Committees on Mass Communication.

The Synod heard Dr. Alford E. Carleton and Dr. Truman B. Douglass, who shared the rostrum and addressed the Synod on "Mission In A Revolutionary World." The Synod reaffirmed the "importance, necessity, responsibility, and service" of the parish minister. The Synod amended the popular down grading of the importance of the parish minister during recent years. The Synod asked state Conferences to study the salary situation of their ministers and to set up adequate standards of salary income for all ministers.

The Synod commended the Council for Lay Life and Work and urged the Council to provide more help and encouragement to local church groups. The Synod voted to continue the Family Thank Offering.

The Synod voted to support the United Nations, Secretary-General U-Thant's position on Viet Nam, declared war to be incompatible with Christian teaching, affirmed its belief that the United Nations is an indispensable instrument of international cooperation, and declared that the national origins quota is a moral affront to other peoples and a denial of basic Christian concepts.

Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent

Division Of Christian Education

A person can not teach what he does not know. A person can not tell the story of Christ unless it has become true for him. A Christian Education is the name given to the church activity which involves learning about Christian faith and sharing that faith with others. As Christians we have a history of God and a story of Christ to tell others about. **The Division of Christian Education** therefore is the educational arm of the **United Church of Christ** with major concern for parish education.

Resources for Parish Education. The Division of Christian Education prepares the **United Church Curriculum** which is to be used by both churches and families. The new material has been thoroughly tested for use in church schools by all ages, in families, and in special study groups. New audio-visuals have been prepared for special group study.

The International Uniform Series has been prepared in cooperation with the United Presbyterian Church. These materials are for juniors, youths, and adults. The Division also publishes two monthly magazines: **Children's Religion** uses monthly themes to interpret new dimensions of the church's educational task; and the **Church School Worker** uses several sections to meet the day-to-day needs of church school leaders.

The Church's Ministry with Children. The backbone of this program is the **United Church Curriculum.** The program tries to put itself in the child's own life which is caught in the midst of confusing and demanding changes and relationships. Much emphasis is placed upon training adults who can meet the child in the midst of his world with Christian concern. The Division staff members participate in laboratory schools, workshops, demonstration teaching, and are concerned with day camping and vacation church school. Much of the staff's concern for the ministry with children is of an experimental and child study character.

The Church's Ministry with Youth. The Youth Ministry is the total ministry of the church by, with, and through young people. The Division strives to develop various opportunities for youth.

The bi-weekly magazine **Youth** is addressed to the teenager in the midst of his world. Also **Focus,** a special report published three times a year, interprets the methods that churches use in the youth ministry and indicate the changing trends.

A large quantity of material has been made available for training counselors and for use by youth groups. Over 300 camps and conferences are offered throughout the United Church for young people.

Adult Education. The United Church Curriculum has been prepared for the adults in the congregation to know more about their faith and the changing world in their own lives. Workshops, conferences, and pilot projects are developed as a means of training in adult educational methods.

Specialized Ministries. The Division offers a number of unique programs under the direction of its Specialized Ministries staff. These programs include: campsite development service, voluntary service programs, work camps, community service teams, caravans, personnel services, International Christian Youth Exchange, and college-age Student Summer Service.

Educational Leadership Development. The major efforts of the Division are directed toward the recruitment, preparation, and nurture of leaders — volunteer and professional, clergy and lay. Leadership workshops, specialized field service, experimentation, assistance to theological seminaries and conference programs are directed to this end.

The Church's Ministry with Families. In study, experimentation, and contacts with churches and families the Division seeks to learn how best the church may minister to families and family members in these changing times.

Homeland Ministry Information Brochures

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries has several small brochures available to explain the work of its various divisions. The following may be obtained from **Central Distribution Service, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19102.:**

SC-IN-0165d . . . Our Ministry In Service
Division of Health & Welfare Services

SC-HM-DE-0564 . . . The Deed — the Word — in the World
Division of Evangelism

SC-IN-0165e . . . The Church and the World of Learning
Division of Higher Education & the AMA

SC-HM-CX-0564 . . . Churches Growing and Changing
Division of Church Extension

SC-IN-0165d . . . A People Who Know
Division of Christian Education

SC-IN-0665 . . . What Is The United Church Board
For Homeland Ministries?

New Town In Maryland Will Be Ecumenical Pilot Project

Seventeen denominations were represented at a recent conference on the ecumenical "team ministry" being planned for the new town of Columbia, Md., to be built between Baltimore and Washington.

The majority agreed to cooperate and contribute financially to the making of plans, according to Rev. Dr. Purd E. Deitz, general secretary of the UCBHM church extension division, which voted earlier this year to support the project. Dr. Deitz and Clayton Wallace, church extension official of the Central Atlantic Conference, are members of the Columbia Mission Development Committee. Seven other UCC representatives attended the meeting.

"Columbia can be the center of a new and bold experiment in ecumenicity," Dr. Deitz said. He explained that the interdenominational committee has been an equal partner with other institutions in planning the new community. The ministry will be organized on the basis of "functions" rather than traditional church structures. There will be a common corporate structure under which several forms of mission will operate, including one collegiate ministry and a number of local congregations with diverse patterns of worship and confession.

Division Of Higher Education And The American Missionary Association

If the church is to be heard and understood it must be present in the world of learning. This is the job assigned to this Division. The Division attempts this in three major categories.

1) Helping to establish and support academic communities of two kinds: liberal arts colleges and theological seminaries.

2) Sharing in an interdenominational ministry to public and large private universities.

3) Engaging in a continuous program of research using the instruments fashioned in academic institutions.

Church Related Colleges. The function of the division is: to help make better colleges, to advise constructively out of its experience in church-related higher education and to assist with financial support. The division assists and aids thirty liberal arts colleges that were founded and maintained by our churches. The division also helps support fifteen Theological Schools. Two new colleges are now in the process of being founded: Prescott College in Prescott, Arizona, and Hawaii Loa College in Hawaii. A third college, New College at Sarasota, Florida, began classes in September of 1964. Church related schools in the Southern Convention are: Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina, and Elon College, Elon College, North Carolina.

Improving Race Relations. For over twenty years the division has sponsored a Race Relations Department at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, an AMA college. One of the important aspects of this department is the two week Institute for people of both races. Lectures and discussions are held on the civil rights developments of the year.

The Citizenship Education Program was created by the division in 1961 at McIntosh, Georgia, to improve literacy among Negro citizens and to development of new leadership among Negroes. The program is financed by the Marshall Field Foundation and conducted by the Division in cooperation with the Christian Leadership Conference.

The Division works with the Town and Country Department of the Division of Church Extension in its work to improve educational opportunities for Indian-Americans. The program is channeled primarily through the United Scholarship Service, Inc., in Denver, Colorado, a cooperative venture of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Association on American-Indian Affairs, and the **United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.**

The Campus Ministry. The purpose of the work with the campus ministry is to extend the influence of the church community to the non-church-related college or university. The Department works primarily through the **United Campus Christian Fellowship,** an organization created by five similarly oriented denominations. The UCCF helps locate campus ministers, provide training for them in the current aspects of religious problems related to university life.

Puerto Rico. After the Spanish-American War, the AMA founded several churches, schools, and hospitals in Puerto Rico. Although these institutions are controled locally, the United Church continues to render financial support.

Social Research. The Department is now conducting a study of the campus ministry in universities and colleges. Another project is designed to discover the effect of current and changing social problems on the layman in the church.

The Church and Culture. The purpose of the Department of Church and Culture is to interpret the church to the world and the world to the church. The Department functions by using and counseling in the use of forms integral to contemporary American life: Documentary motion pictures, graphic design consultation on communication problems, etc.

Puerto Rico

March 7, 1965, graduation of practical nurses from Ryder Memorial Hospital, Humacao, Puerto Rico. At extreme right are: Miss Mildred Lamberts, Director of Nursing Services, and Dr. John A. Smith, Medical Director.

The Worth Of A Hospital

The hills surrounding Humacao are steep, and the clay roads that wind through the clusters of homes are deeply eroded. Humacao lies in eastern Puerto Rico, and it is here that Ryder Memorial Hospital has stood for fifty years, a living testimony to the meaning of **Our Christian World Mission**. To help uncounted thousands of sick and malnourished Puerto Ricans, the hospital has struggled against unending economic odds. Its main building looks antiquated, its facilities often prove inadequate, and its equipment is frequently obsolete.

Yet, struggling as it does against desperate need, Ryder performs an essential service in eastern Puerto Rico. Even the Deputy Secretary of Health for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has recently emphasized this fact. "For a long time to come," he explained a few months ago, "we will have to depend on a few institutions like Ryder Memorial Hospital." For, you see, Ryder Memorial Hospital is, despite its problems, nevertheless acknowledged to be the finest hospital in the region.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

1964-65 Term

Southern Convention P.F. Treasurer's Report

The Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship was reported as possessing $397.00 as of June 20, 1964, by David Grimes at our Annual Meeting at Moonelon Conference Center. That week the following disbursements were made:

Camp Moonelon—officer registration	149.75
Shelia Hughes—Bus fare & phone calls	17.01
Penny Dollar—Phone calls	3.00
Betsy Jones—Travel & postage	8.55
Eddie Mackley—Entertainment	18.00
Total Disbursements	$196.31

Therefore the Southern Convention's treasury contained $200.69 as of June 26, 1964, and this was the total forwarded to me when I came into office.

Deposits

June 26, 1964	$ 200.69
July 7	500.00
August 24	20.25
February 19, 1965	100.00
February 19	134.50
March 27	15.00
April 16	10.00
May 5	125.00
May 19	10.00
May 19	12.00
June 1	125.00
Total Deposits	$1,252.44

Disbursements

Rev. Rinker—Remake-a-Lake	$250.00
A. D. Pate—Letterheads	10.56
Betsy Jones—Travel & Postage	8.55
Moonelon Center—S. C. Officers—Meals, etc.	35.00
Southern Conv.—P. F. Assembly, Conf. & Publicity	33.09
Kathy Copeland—Phone, Meals at Norfolk Exc. Meeting	2.70
Liz Fairbank—Meals & Toll in Norfolk	5.10
Noel Allen—Meals and Tips in Norfolk	4.45
Linda Howard—Meals in Norfolk	2.55
Rick Kimball—Meals & Tips Norfolk	5.57
Howard Spragg—Delegates for Youth Forum	225.00
Total Disbursements	$574.02
Balance	$678.42

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Kimball, Treasurer

Mr. Aier Guest Of Moonelon Center

K. Imotemjen Aier is a 34 year old Baptist from Nagaland, India (extreme northeast corner) who has completed one year of study at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. Arrangements for his study are under the sponsorship of the Ecumenical Scholarship Exchange Program of the World Council of Churches. Mr. Aier is married, the father of a little girl, and his wife has remained in India during this year.

A graduate of Serampore University, Theological College, West Bengal, India, Mr. Aier worked for four years before coming to the States. His home is Impur, a Baptist Mission Station. For the first two years he served as a teacher in both the senior high school and the Bible school at Impur. For the remaining two years he served as executive secretary of the local Baptist Association, being responsible for 60 churches.

Mr. Aier's responsibilities in the two previously mentioned positions were numerous. He has served in leadership capacities in working with both young people and adults, camping programs and various training experiences. As a week-end guest in a Baptist Church near Rochester, New York, (where he studied this past year), Mr. Aier served both in the morning pulpit and as a group leader in a youth week-end retreat.

Mr. Aier will be the guest of Camp Moonelon from July 4 through August 7. While at Moonelon Mr. Aier will give several programs about his country and will show color slides. After camps in Mississippi, Mr. Aier will travel around the United States making speeches at various churches. In November, Mr. Aier will go back to his home in India.

The July 11th bulletin of **Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ, near Gibsonville, N. C.**, carried the following poem:

THE PERFECT CHURCH

I think that I shall never see
    A church that's all it ought to be;
A church whose members never stray
    Beyond the straight and narrow way;
A church that has no empty pews;
    Whose Pastor never has the blues.
A church whose deacons always deak,
    And none are proud, and all are meek;
Where gossips never peddle lies,
    Or make complaints or criticize;
Where all are always sweet and kind,
    And all to other faults are blind.
Such perfect churches there may be,
    But none of them are known to me.
But still I'll work and pray and plan
    To make our own the best we can.

—Author Unknown

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New York — Even though the American Bible Society meets its distribution goal of 75 million copies of Holy Scripture in 1966, President Everett Smith points out that the demand for Scriptures on every continent is so great that even this huge distribution increases will not begin to satisfy existing needs.

Division Of Health & Welfare Services

Residential Services. For the past one hundred and ten years and through seventy-five agencies, the United Church has engaged itself in the daily struggle to serve the sick, the aging, the children, the profoundly retarded and the distressed persons who scratch out an existence in the deteriorated segments of our inner cities. Working with a staff of eight thousand and five hundred and on an operating budget of over fifty million dollars, over four thousand come for care during each twelve month period.

As the staff's service are reaching a higher calibre, they are reaching out to the local churches and offering guidance for the development of skills that will make the people more effective instruments for good in their own communities. To learn more of these specialized services in the United Church of Christ, write to the Division for the publication, **Our Ministry.**

Local Churches and Diakonia. Another important part of the Division is in the Conferences, Associations and local churches.

Through young and old, skilled and unskilled, clergy and laity, welfare is coming alive through these committees and is adding a new and exciting dimension to our witness of love. The aged have been given new opportunities, the retarded cared for, and the problems of alcoholism, drug-addiction, family problems and mental health are being approached with new understanding and an intensified determination to seek significant breakthroughs.

Partnership with Government. In the past three decades government agencies on every level have become deeply committed to welfare and health programs. The government is the only organization with the resources to finance these problems.

The division has a partnership with the government in providing tax dollars to supplement the gifts from churches in health and welfare. All across the country, the church is involved through the Division, with planning bodies, courts, departments of health, directors of welfare, and with personnel that, for the protection of clients, license agencies.

Ecumenical Emphasis. The Division participates in the Department of Social Welfare of the National Council of Churches. This organization pools Protestantism's concern for health and welfare into programs suitable for all churches.

Division Of Church Extension

Each year the New Church Department gives aid to nearly 300 churches. Most of the aid goes to suburban churches, but churches in all parts of community life are given aid according to their need. The Division of Church Extension offers counsel, experience, program, and leadership aid based upon mutually acceptable standards. However, financial aid to new churches is only part of the services rendered by this Department. Training is needed for the pastors and workers in this kind of program. Additional funds are needed for such activities. Careful planning and preparation are used so as to provide an effective ministry in the new church.

Church Building and Finance. This department provides financial assistance to churches and Conferences in building programs.

1. Aid is available through loans and grants.

2. Building programs should try to be financed by local borrowing.

3. The conditions of aid are described in detail in the pamphlet, "How to Obtain Building Counsel and Financial Aid."

4. Loans and grants are available only to churches with open doors to any race.

The Church in Town and Country. The emphasis of this Department is: Renewing and Uniting the Church in Town and Country for Effective Fellowship, Witness and Service. In cooperation with the conferences, aid is extended to 53 congregations and special ministries. The aid is granted in order to permit better pastoral leadership, and encourage new deployment of such leadership. The aided fields include: Research — done by the staff and encourages research by other groups for sound program development; Continuing Education — scholarship aid encourages pastors to further their education; Conferences and seminars are sponsored by the Department for the benefit of both clergy and laity; Literature and Audio-Visuals — pastors and key laymen receive a quarterly journal and a monthly newsletter and several new films and filmstrips are available.

The Urban Church. The basic purpose of this Committee is: the development of strategies for the total work of the urban church. It endeavors: to lay before all urban churches the responsibility of each church to meet the needs of its community; to encourage and aid churches to study their mission, community, and the life and work of their congregations; to keep before the churches the objective of a membership of believers; to stimulate an effective penetration of our culture; and to make available to the people of the city the varied ministries of the church.

General Activities. These include: The support of the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches; aid to several conferences still struggling to maintain adequate staff services with a limited number of churches; and Pastor's schools and special training conferences.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Memorial Service For Mrs. Smith Set For July 23

A Memorial Service for Mrs. Ella Brunk Smith, wife of Dr. Leon Edgar Smith, President Emeritus of Elon College, will be held in Whitley Auditorium on the Elon College campus Friday, July 23, at 1:30 p. m., Eastern Standard Time. Immediately following the memorial service, a Service of Committal will be held at the Smith mausoleum in Magnolia Cemetery at Elon College, North Carolina.

Mrs. Smith passed away March 16, 1965, in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Funeral Services were conducted at The Christian Temple, Norfolk, Virginia, March 19th. The body was placed in a Norfolk receiving mausoleum pending completion of the mausoleum in Magnolia Cemetery at Elon College.

The Memorial Service and Service of Committal on July 23rd will be in charge of Dr. Frank R. Hamilton, Minister of The Christian Temple of Norfolk, Virginia; and the Reverend John S. Graves, Elon College Campus Minister.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith made their home at Elon College during the twenty six years when Dr. Smith was president of Elon College. Mrs. Smith, an able, dedicated and highly respected Christian woman, with her husband served the College and the Church. Their many friends will join in the Memorial Service in her honor on July 23rd.

Note: Those driving from Eastern Virginia to Elon College by the way of Durham and Interstate Highway 85 will pass all Burlington exits. After passing the last Burlington exit (NC 62) watch for the Elon exit. Follow the signs to Elon College, and Whitley Auditorium on the College campus.

—Wm. T. Scott

Dr. Herbster To Speak

Dr. Ben Herbster, president of the United Church of Christ, will speak twice the week-end of August 28th at the First United Church of Christ in Landis, the Rev. Hiram E. Davis, Minister.

Dr. Herbster will speak concerning "The United Church of Christ" at a Fellowship Dinner in the Fellowship Hall of the Educational Building at 6:30 on Saturday evening, August 28th. Following his address a question and answer period will be held concerning the work of "The United Church of Christ."

On Sunday morning, August 29th, he will preach the Sermon at the Mortgage Burning Service of the Religious Education Building. The congregation has recently finished paying for a modern $175,000.00 Religious Educational Building.

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New York — The American Bible Society has begun the world's biggest Bible distribution program to distribute 75 million copies of Holy Scripture in 1966, the 150th Anniversary year of the Society.

New York — The "Bible Gap" is widening year by year, reports the American Bible Society, which cites these figures: 60 million children are born each year, church membership increases by only 20 million, and Bible distribution lags with only 8 million entire Bibles distributed annually by Bible Societies.

Mission Theme — Speaker Available

Rev. Ernest W. Barnes, 124 Franklin Avenue, Brevard, North Carolina, has just returned from the United Church Tour to Mexico and Central America. He took over 400 slides, which will be interpretive of our church work in Mexico and Honduras. He also visited Quatemala and learned something of the mission work there. Mr. Barnes is willing to share his experience with churches in the area of the Southern Conference. Churches would be expected to provide travel costs.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest W. Barnes were a part of the United Church Tour made available by The Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ. He is quite enthusiastic of the Tour program provided by the United Church of Christ fellowship.

Readers of THE CHRISTIAN SUN will know that Mr. Barnes is a retired Congregational Christian minister and has been supplying the Asheville United Church of Christ for a number of months.

Superintendent Fields commends Mr. Barnes for making his experience available to churches in a reasonable driving distance of Asheville. Please contact Mr. Barnes directly in seeking to arrange a visit to a local church.

Pastors At Summer School

Rev. Collie Seymour, pastor of Shallow Well United Church of Christ, Sanford, N. C., and Rev. William M. Everhart, pastor of the Asheboro United Church of Christ, will be attending the Summer School for Pastors at La Foret, Colorado. The school is sponsored by the Board for Homeland Ministries and acts as a refresher course for ministers who have been out of seminary and desire to seek new insight and understanding in the work of the parish ministry. The La Foret School begins July 12th and concludes August 1st.

The Bethlehem Star

The BETHLEHEM STAR is published quarterly by the Bethlehem United Church of Christ at Altamahaw, N. C., with the Rev. Dolan Talbert as pastor. The June issue revealed that the average attendance at worship services for the second quarter was 230, Church School enrollment and attendance was on the increase, and the Church had added 21 members during the quarter. The Church will broadcast worship services over station WBBB during the month of September.

Congratulations to Rev. Dolan Talbert and the Bethlehem Church for a progressive program and growth!

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New York — The world's largest library devoted to a single book — the Holy Bible — maintained by the American Bible Society in New York, attracted visitors from 43 states and 37 countries in 1964.

New York — The United Bible Societies, which will hold its next triennial, world meeting in Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the American Bible Society in May, 1966, consists of twenty-three member societies and four associate member societies.

Apportionment Receipts For Elon College

During the first six months of 1965 — January through June — Elon College has received from the Churches on Apportionment a total of $10,571.48:

Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 4,101.49
Eastern N. C. Conference	974.00
Western N. C. Conference	1,454.96
N. C. & Va. Conference	4,041.03
Total	$10,571.48
Receipts for the same period in 1964	$10,747.05*

*Included $661.50 from the Valley Churches, now members of the new Central Atlantic Conference.

The College is grateful for the continued support of our Churches. Your gifts help Elon to continue its Christian service through Christian Higher Education. Below is the Church by Church list of College Apportionment receipts January through June 1965:

Eastern Virginia Conference

Antioch	$ 47.00
Bayside	100.00
Berea	45.00
Bethlehem (Nans)	174.99
Burton's Grove	8.00
Centerville	27.00
Dendron	30.95
Eure	126.00
Franklin	82.00
Franklin - Hunterdale	140.00
Great Bridge	219.00
Holland	132.00
Holy Neck	61.00
Isle of Wight	32.00
Liberty Spring	207.00
Mt. Carmel	65.00
Mt. Zion	45.00
Norfolk - Bayview	100.00
Norfolk - Christian Temple	402.84
Norfolk - Little Creek	16.00
Oakland	208.00
Portsmouth - First	34.00
Portsmouth - Shelton Memorial	69.00
Portsmouth - United	11.00
Prince George	15.00
Richmond - First	37.00
South Norfolk	237.00
South Norfolk - Rosemont	792.23
Spring Hill	12.23
Suffolk	267.00
Union - Surry	17.00
Warwick	91.00
Windsor	250.25
Total	$ 4,101.49

Eastern North Carolina Conference

Amelia	$ 80.00
Antioch	15.00
Auburn	55.00
Chapel Hill	60.00
Damascus	30.00
Fayetteville	52.00
Fuller's Chapel	90.00
Hope Mills	15.00
Morrisville	16.00
Mt. Gilead	30.00
Oak Level	34.00
Pope's Chapel	16.00
Sanford	166.00
Shallow Well	38.00
Southern Pines	112.00
Wake Chapel	150.00
Youngsville	15.00
Total	$ 974.00

Western North Carolina Conference

Albemarle	$ 146.46
Antioch	18.00
Asheboro	136.00
Ether	30.00
Grace's Chapel	1.00
Hank's Chapel	212.00
High Point - First	27.00
Mt. Pleasant	28.00
Needham's Grove	28.00
Pleasant Cross	34.00
Pleasant Hill	234.00
Pleasant Ridge	115.00
Pleasant Union	21.00
Ramseur	155.00
Randleman	66.00
Sanford - Northview	21.00
Seagrove	42.00
Smithwood	27.50
Sophia	27.00
Spoon's Chapel	49.00
Ramseur Mission	3.00
Union Grove	34.00
Total	$ 1,454.96

North Carolina & Virginia Conference

Apple's Chapel	$ 144.00
Asheville	102.00
Belew Creek	72.00
Bethel	27.00
Bethlehem	150.00
Burlington, Beverly Hills	157.00
Burlington, First	450.38
Burlington, Lakeview	26.00
Carolina	66.00
Durham	169.00
Elon College	43.00
Graham, Prov. Memorial	31.00
Greensboro, First	426.25
Greensboro, Palm Street	177.00
Greensboro, St. Peters	21.00
Haw River	232.00
Hebron	10.00
Hines Chapel	120.00
Hopedale	50.00
Ingram	100.00
Kallam Grove	29.00
Long's Chapel	91.00
Monticello	72.50
Mt. Bethel	30.00
Mt. Zion	92.00
New Lebanon	19.90
Pleasant Ridge	76.00
Salem Chapel	38.00
Shallow Ford	23.00
Tryon	296.00
Union, N. C.	400.00
Union, Virginia	204.00
Winston-Salem	96.00
Total	$ 4,041.03

Empty Moment

Alone, the beauty of the night fast seals
Assurance of the hope which common minds hold close.
An order reigns, yet not so much an order
As One who order makes amidst a tendency chaotic.
This power, this God, this creativity
Towering far above the night, the day, all petty things;
This God, this One almighty being reaches
Forth in mightiness to move along the mystery of time.
For time is now, but now has gone away
To leave another now which cannot long remain except for God.
Alone in time without the present moment
Honestly enjoyed, but wasted, thrown away and emptily returned to God.

In Terror Of Life

By William T. Joyner

Someone has asked an interesting question: "Were the disciples (in front of the empty tomb) in terror because of death, or life?" Quite possibly, the latter. They were prepared for the possibility of death. The thing they were not so prepared for and the thing which may well have terrified them most was the possibility of life.

The same might be said of ourselves in very concrete instances. Of course, we do fear death as the final event of our earthly existence — death as the process of bodily disintegration. But death is more than this. The late G. Campbell Morgan, outstanding English minister, defined the deeper meaning of death as "severance of the spirit from God, the sense of homelessness, the sense of friendlessness, the one all-inclusive agony of loss, of lack and failure." This is true to the Biblical understanding of death. It is incorrect to think that death exists only where a body has ceased functioning. Death is wherever people are separated from one another into lonely, bitter, and hostile corners of existence. Death is wherever people turn away from the challenge of reality through the use of such things as alcohol or drugs or even religion. Death is wherever there is no vital relationship with God. Death is wherever men and women cease struggling for understanding and settle down to relationships of mutual indifference. It is wherever people are chained so securely to the "dead weight of the past" that they can no longer change. Sadly, we find ourselves to be almost consistently in love with death in one or more of these forms.

Life! That is the terrifying possibility which was brought into the Mediterranean world of the First Century through the proclamation of the Christian Gospel. That world, addicted to its own peculiar forms of death, yawned and then groaned when it felt the power of the Resurrection sweep through its borders. It is an upsetting thing to have a group of people going about "turning the world upside down" in the Name of a God who will not stay dead.

And still there are those who tremble before the possibility of new Life in the world. From within the church voices are raised which advocate peace with a world which remains sunk in the ways of death. God is calling us to adventurous action in the world — calling us to Life — but we are afraid of Life, so we settle down in and cling to our deadly routines in order to be safe. In our own denomination efforts are being made in many areas to renew life in the churches. The churches have been dramatically challenged to become involved in public issues which will determine the future of our world. A department of Lay Life and Work has been organized (one of the only such departments in Protestantism) to explore and implement more relevant structures for the witness which the churches need to make. A thrilling new Curriculum has been developed and is being used. These ventures promise new life, but too often our only response is either indifference or opposition. We do not easily accept the possibility of life. We are more familiar with the ways of death. But ours is a God "of the living" and he will not permit us to rest content with the comfort of death. He confronts us all with the disturbing possibility of Life.

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Distribution of the Bible in languages other than English has characterized this activity since the beginning in 1808. The chief foreign languages prior to formation of The American Bible Society in 1816 were German and French.

Division Of Evangelism

The good news is about God and what man may become through the power of Jesus Christ. This good news is the Church's treasure, and it is the Church's chief task to proclaim the word that Christ is Lord and to call all men to faith and obedience. The whole gospel is for the whole man in the whole world, and its promises of abundant life become a living hope as the Church points in its past and its present to lives lived and being lived in fulness, with the distinctive Christian integrity of being, doing, and talking.

Word and deed are inseparable in life. Evangelism cannot separate word and deed, for evangelism is the whole process of talking and winning, of proclamation and conversion, of offering and receiving the Gift. Evangelism is not a monolog of the word, but a dialogue of deed and word and of believer and neighbor and of church and world. Evangelism, today, is the communication of a Message to a mind which receives a thousand messages a day.

Evangelism may be divided into three parts: conversion into the church, conversion into the world, and conversion within the church. Through **M.O.R.E.** (Mission on Renewal and Evangelism) the Division of Evangelism seeks to help the churches of an area to become more aware of all three parts.

Renewal is God reaching down to us and our reaching up to him, in the church and out into the world. The first six months of the Mission Year concentrates on upreach and inreach: it is primarily concerned with conversion within the church. The second six months sees each church carrying out a specific program of outreach, a program the individual church has arrived at through the previous stages of the Mission, a program of witnessing for conversion into the Church and the church.

In addition to **M.O.R.E.,** which serves a group of local churches, the Division of Evangelism provides direct aid to the individual local church, through its evangelism committee and its pastor.

The Division publishes the United Church of Christ devotional guides — Daily Devotional Guide, Fellowship of Prayer, and Family Devotions — as instruments of praise and of deepening and broadening awareness of God's grace and man's need. Pastors receive communication and in retreat leadership through retreats and conferences, all with a view to that strengthening of the inner life so essential to pastoring in our time.

Beyond the local church and with its cooperation, new forms of witness are emerging and will continue to appear in the nonresidential worlds. Attention is being placed on the industrial and vocational evangelism and various forms of the academy movement.

Witness through the mass media — radio, television, and motion pictures — seeks to present effectively the redeeming message to the widest possible audiences, though on a severely limited budget.

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With publication of at least one book of the Bible in 1,232 languages, the **Scriptures** can potentially reach 95 per cent of the world's population—the greatest accomplishment in interlanguage communication the world has known.

On top of its record-breaking distribution of Holy Scriptures for 1964, the **American Bible Society** is well underway to its 150th Anniversary goal of 75 million Bibles, Testaments, Portions, and selections in 1966.

ON THE EDGE

Recent guest ministers at **Long's Chapel United Church of Christ**, near Burlington, N. C., have included: Rev. Guy Veazey, Moonelon Resident Manager, and Dr. W. T. Scott, Sr., Director of Church Relations at Elon College.

Rev. John M. Permar, pastor of **Kallum Grove, Mt. Bethel,** and **New Lebanon Churches** near Reidsville, N. C., will take a leave of absence for several weeks, due to health reasons. Mr. Jerry Moore, Senior student at Elon College, will supply for several Sundays. Superintendent Clyde L. Fields will be the guest minister at New Lebanon on July 25th. The leave of absence for Mr. Permar will, hopefully, allow him to regain strength to resume his work.

Superintendent Clyde F. Fields was the guest minister for the **Franklin Congregational Christian Church, Franklin, Virginia,** and the **Hunterdale United Church of Christ** near Franklin, Virginia, on a recent occasion.

Rev. Kenneth D. Register, pastor of **Beverly Hills United Church of Christ,** was the guest evangelist for **Damascus Church** near Chapel Hill, N. C., recently. Rev. W. M. Loy is the pastor of the Damascus Church.

A New United Church

The choice is a hard one, but it is frequently the only choice possible for thousands of churches standing in many rural communities of America. These buildings stand in rural areas that were once populous but no longer are. Too frequently, their dwindling congregations put denominational pride before service to the community and its people.

But in Schelisburg, Pennsylvania, the pattern has been reversed. Four small churches have now joined hands and become one: the new United Church of Schellsburg. And that one church is growing and thriving, partly as a result of financial aid received through **Our Christan World Mission**, both from the Penn West Conference and from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. For the first time in many a year, as a result of this aid, the congregations of the four former churches have a full-time minister.

But this is only part of the story. As a result of this aid, the New United Church of Schellsburg is able to reach out into its community, serving the needs of a rural population and helping to renew Christian faith.

acting on mission

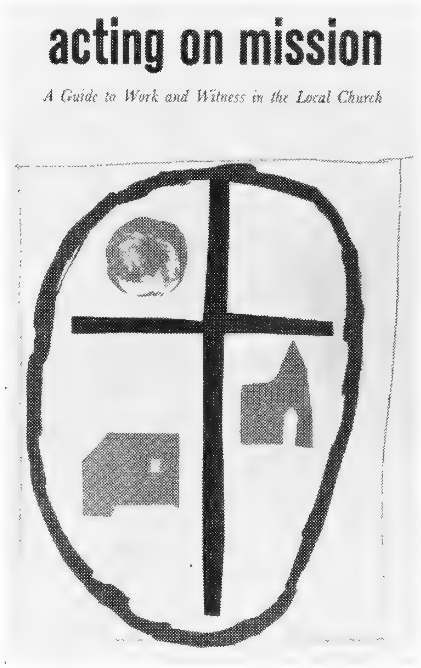
The world is living in an age of change and new discoveries. This changing era is often referred to as the Age of the Great Revolution. This complex revolution is divided into five smaller revolutions: 1. the scientific-technological 2. the urban 3. the racial 4. the moral 5. the church. Because our society is changing, it is the responsibility of the church to change to meet the needs of the world. The church is doing this in three ways: 1. by reunion 2. by renewal 3. by reformation. It is then in response to the Great Revolution that this manual has been written.

It is designed to aid local congregations interested in understanding and fulfilling the mission in God's world. The purposes are three fold. It is designed to: 1. assist the congregation in an in-depth study of the church's essential nature and mission. 2. provide the congregation with specific tools and techniques which can aid in an evaluation of its present program life. 3. help the congregation achieve a closer relationship between its understanding of mission and the program activities by which it seeks to fulfill that mission.

The manual is divided into three parts or steps for which the congregation is to use in their program.

Step 1 is to prepare for mission through self-examination. The goal is to involve the entire congregation in a study of the nature and mission of the church. The manual includes; the procedure for getting started, the material to use and several questions at the end of the section.

Step 2 is to prepare for misson through evaluation. The goal is to evaluate the present program life of the congregation in its relationship to mission. Again as in Step 1, the procedure to follow and the material to discuss is given. After each division of this step, several thought provoking questions are asked.



acting on mission

A Guide to Work and Witness in the Local Church

Step 3 is to engage in mission through action. The purpose is to summarize the results of the first two steps and proceed to offer the congregation some alternatives to existing patterns of response. As in the first two steps, the procedure and material are given.

This manual is not for the faint of heart. It is not for those congregations which seek only institutional survival. Neither is it a blueprint for the dismembering of the parish church. It is an aid to the congregation in understanding and fulfilling its mission in God's world.

Copies of this booklet may be obtained at a cost of fifty cents each from Stewardship Council, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. Acting on Mission by George J. Warheit SC-P-0365b

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Tend My Sheep . . .

You may not have heard how successful our East Burlap Church was in finding a new pastor. When Dr. Toombs, their pastor for fifty-eight years, was called to serve as Youth Director at a large urban church, a committee was immediately organized to locate prospects for the pulpit. The CREEP's (Committee Responsible for Engaging an Exceptional Preacher) went to work on a set of standards by which a minister ought to be selected. Members of the committee included Mr. C. M. Hedmissin, chairman, who is a travelling salesman weekends and a pump and drain repairman during the week; Mrs. Y. A. Skiparound, formerly a Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal and just recently transferred from the Pentecostal Gospel denomination to East Burlap; and Miss Alciba Throttlefast, church school teacher for fifty-two years.

The basic requisites established by the committee are:

1. The man must be less than 35 years old, with at least twenty years pulpit experience.

2. He must be married to a woman with experience in church school work, sewing circles, janitorial work, institutional cooking, and parsonage rebuilding.

3. They must have at least 5 children of Sunday School age, who will exemplify perfectly the biblical adage, "Children should be seen and not heard."

4. Theologically, he should be orthodox; socially, conservative; biblically, faithful to the original Bible, the St. James version; economically, ultra-frugal; politically, antichange; ecclesiastically, comfortable.

5. He must be a high school graduate, punctual and most important of all, religious.

In their discussion about salary, the CREEP's agreed that an increase needed to be considered. After considerable thought and discussion, they decided to change the previous salary of $3,000, plus ten dollars for every new member, plus 25% of the Christmas and Easter offerings, to $3,000, plus $12 for every new member, and 35% of the two offerings. When a letter was read from somewhere suggesting participation in a retirement plan for their pastor, they expressed the deep conviction that the Lord would provide and no such plan would be necessary.

Within a matter of several days, the committee had received word from three possible candidates. Not one of the three met the standards completely, but the CREEP's recognized that they had set their standards quite high and were pleased to consider the three.

An all day congregational meeting was held. At the 11:00 o'clock service, the first candidate preached for 40 minutes on "Table Graces and the Gospel". At a special 2:30 service, the second preached for 45 minutes on "God and the East Burlap Church". And at the 7:30 service the final candidate spoke for 12 minutes on "The Theology of Short Sermons". When a vote was taken at 9:30, the third candidate received 47 votes while the other two got five between them.

This third man, fortunately, also met the requirements most fully. He had sermons written ahead for ten years. He was 22 years old. His wife was a maintenance supervisor by trade. Their three children (ages 6 months to four years) were quite adult in their behaviour, except for the youngest who was coming along quite well. The newly called pastor is a high school graduate, punctual, and most important of all, religious.

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O thou who art love, forgiveness, justice, mercy and truth; whose qualities of goodness are not limited by our petty vocabularies; whose infinite wonder is not confined within the mutterings of mortal minds; and whose beneficence is not restricted by our ignorance of all thou hast worked for us: we offer unto thee that for which we have no adequate words, but which we realize must transcend thanks.

We thank other men for their gifts and services, but they are mortal. We would give unto thee more than this for thou art immortal beyond our comprehension. We thank our government for democracy and leadership by our support of its purpose, but governments are transient in the fullness of history. We would give thee more than this for thou art eternally unbound by time. We respond thankfully to our loved ones for their love – we would respond to thy boundlessly inestimable concern with more than thankfulness, but we know not how with our words. And yet, respond we must, for our thoughts dwell upon thy mighty acts and thy gentle deeds, thy shaking revelations and thy quiet stirrings in the minds of men. And we are moved to respond.

Thinking on these things, Father, we are brought to a new awareness of the need to respond to thee in a continuing renewal of our relationship with thee; a renewal which comes not only with words as we profess it in company with others, but a renewal which comes with growth of personal purpose and a new giving of self. In this do we seek to transcend mere thanks, O God. In the giving of ourselves more fully do we begin to satisfy our need to respond to thy love and grace.

Therefore we pray not only in shallow words soon absorbed in the cacaphony of life, but also in personal dedication and renewal. Strengthen us to the end that our thanks may be fruitfully attested to by the purposes of our lives. Amen.

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.
/KJ

For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.
/RSV

I will give you such eloquence and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict it.
/Phillips

Ah, for the tongues of orators that our eloquence might batter down the walls of resistance to the gospel! But we are not all orators. Nor are many of us as wise as we ought to be in terms of understanding how to present the gospel so that it will make an impact on the lives of others. The early disciples received the promise. They responded in wonderful ways as we have seen from their subsequent ministries.

The gift is still there to those truly concerned with taking it up and using it. It is not a gift without work and effort. It is not easily received nor quickly put to use. It requires much of us before it bears fruit. Study, thoughtful prayer, action. For the disciples did far more than just talk, and here is where their wisdom makes itself evidence. Were our faith just a talkable faith, it would never have achieved the success it did throughout the years. It is a faith of action . . . a faith which presupposes a willingness to work at being a proclaimer of the gospel in what we do, as well as in what we say. It is through our concern and compassion in active relationship with the needs of the world community that we proclaim our faith in God — or our lack of it.

Youth Travel Seminar Gets Off

Nine young people and three adults left in two cars on July 18 for points north on the 1965 Youth Travel Seminar. Their stops will include churches in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maryland. They will be visiting in Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Cape Cod.

The young people sharing in this adventure are: Sue Harder (Palm Street, Greensboro); Ronald Powers (Palm Street, Greensboro); Steve Hornaday (Pleasant Hill, Liberty); Hal Coble (Pleasant Hill, Liberty); Kenny Hinshaw (Pleasant Hill, Liberty); Blake Monroe (Cypress Chapel); David Hughes (Elon College Community); Pat Holland (Christian Temple); and Kathryn Copeland (Christian Temple).

The adults were Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Garner and Rev. L. T. Wilkins. The group will return to Moonelon on July 28 after about 1500 miles of fellowship and visiting.

104 Churches Now In Breakthrough!

Since the last listing of churches who have indicated their concern for the mission of the church and their desire to share in the **BREAKTHROUGH** emphasis in September, the following churches have sent in acceptance cards:

Western N. C. Conference
Asheboro, Spoon's Chapel
Pittsboro, Antioch

Eastern N. C. Conference
Henderson, Fullers Chapel
Louisburg, New Hope

North Carolina & Va. Conference
Greensboro, Congregational UCC
Elon College, Berea
Guilford College, Pleasant Ridge

Churches which have not yet sent in their acceptance cards may still do so. If your card has been misplaced, just send a note to Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244, if you belong to one of the three North Carolina conferences or Rev. L. Bill Simmons, Box 15126, Chesapeake, Va., if you are in the Eastern Virginia Conference.

This opportunity to have trained visitors spend two hours with your leaders for discussion on the mission of our church and the opportunities to serve through this mission will be an exceptional contribution to the total life of local churches and the wider church. If YOUR CHURCH HASN'T DONE SO ALREADY, GET IN YOUR CARD. If you need to know again which date was selected for your visitation, just send a note to the above man in your area. DO IT NOW!

The Christian Sun

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United Church Curriculum

Two Year Cycle Complete

At the end of August, the first full two year cycle of the United Church Curriculum will be completed. Beginning in the fall of this year, and continuing through January, the first semester of the first year courses will begin again. This material was used in the fall of 1963 at the start of the cycle.

During the past two years, churches have discovered the new material to be several things for both teachers and students. First, it brought both teacher and student together in a relationship of growing faith. Each was enabled, because of this relationship to contribute to the learning experience and grow from that which was shared by others.

Second, the relationship of person to God became more than a superficial kind of rules and regulations agreement. It became a personal encounter with others and with God . . . an encounter that had depth to it. An encounter that encouraged participation.

Third, the curriculum was fully aware of the needs of those to whom it was called to minister and to the needs of the teachers willing to work at their calling. It remains a challenge demanding preparation and real commitment. It offers no shortcuts to growth. It does not make the task of nurturing faith an easy responsibility. But it does provide guidance and encouragement to workers seeking to witness through teaching.

And finally, church schools which have used this material as it was designed to be used have made a rediscovery of the educational mission of the church. A mission to give information, inspiration, example, and encouragement to students and leaders — indeed, to the whole community of faith — as it moves ahead in its mission.

If your church has not been using the United Church Curriculum these past two years, now is a good time to begin. There can be a fine experience ahead for your fellowship if they are willing to work at implementing their educational mission as it is given life in these new tools.

1965 YEARBOOKS

The 1965 YEARBOOK of the United Church of Christ is now available. It contains the 1964 statistics from churches of our denomination. Also provided in its 560 pages are names and addresses for ministers, national staff, conference personnel, chaplains, higher education chaplains, and other pertinent information. Copies may be ordered for $1.75 or $1.50 in lots of four from THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 297 Park Avenue South, Room 75, New York, New York 10010. Pastors of local churches have already been mailed copies of this resource.

IN MEMORIAM

John Henry Ferree, 125 Hall Ave., High Point, N. C., whose death occurred July 14, 1965. Funeral services held at Union Grove Christian Church on July 16 with the Pastor, Rev. J. Avery Brown in charge. Mr. Ferree was a deacon and long time member of the Union Grove Church and the father of Rev. Kenneth Ferree, pastor of Pleasant Union, Antioch, and Needhams Grove Christian Churches.

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

Day Care Centers In Local Churches

Physical facilities of many local churches are uniquely suited to providing Day Care service for working mothers. Licensed facilities for such purposes are scarce, and an alarming number of children are completely without supervision, during the hours that mothers are engaged in public work due to economic reasons.

Several churches of the Southern Convention are now providing Nursery services and rendering an invaluable service to working mothers. Often, Church School facilities are so arranged that few additional facilities are required. Under trained and competent leadership, many children of working parents are finding an opportunity for Christian growth in Day Care facilities of local churches.

Eutaw United Church at Fayetteville, N. C., and Bayside United Church of Christ at Virginia Beach, Va., have had long experience in operating Nurseries or Day Care Centers for children of working parents. Rev. A. M. Campbell or Rev. Earl Farrell would be glad to share experiences in this connection with churches interested in starting Nurseries or Day Care Centers.

The Governor's Commission on the Status of Women is urging that local church facilities be used if possible to help supply the need for increased facilities for children of working parents. It is estimated that only one place is available for every 17 children needing such Day Care. Think of the excellent opportunity to provide Christian and practical help to alleviate such pressing need.

Any local church desiring information may write to Miss Polly Langston, Day Care Consultant, State Board of Public Welfare, Raleigh, N. C. She will be happy to supply speakers for programs in this area.

We sometimes have a limited concept of the possible function of the average church. With its adequate and expensive facilities it remains largely unused except for Sunday or perhaps Wednesday. Day Care Centers offer one possibility for greater use of our very fine educational facilities.

Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent

CHRISTIAN SUN SUBSCRIPTIONS

New or renewed subscriptions for **The Christian Sun** will be accepted only through December 31, 1965, at which time another plan for subscriptions will be instituted for a different publication. Individuals wishing to receive issues until December 31, and thereby keep up with happenings in the Convention and as the Southern Conference is organized, may send payment pro rated at the rate of 6 cents per week to be calculated from the time such subscriptions begin until the end of this year.

The Love Of God

Johnnie Massey

In the fourth chapter of 1 John we find the author saying that God is love. This is probably the greatest single statement in the Bible about God. Here we find Christianity is based on the fact that God is love and that through Christ He has revealed his love.

In this love of God that is revealed to us through Jesus, we
THE LOVE OF GOD
can see two distinct things. First, it is a love that holds nothing back. God was so loving that He was willing to let His son die on the cross for the sins of mankind. Second, it is an undeserved love. Even if God had not sent His son into the world, God has given us so many gifts that we would or should love Him. We have found through experiences of our own and others that God's love is patient, merciful, and generous.

If we say that God is love, we are saying that everything that God does is done in love. If He creates, He creates in love. If He rules, He rules in love. If He judges, He judges in love. God's love is dynamic. God acts and God has acted. Not only is God's love present in all of His actions, but it is His very essence.

Because of God's love He created the world and every living thing on it. God wanted someone to love and someone to love Him. Can God be happy with the love that we show for Him each day that we live? Perhaps in the words of the fourth Gospel we can find the greatness or vastness of God's gift as the measure of His love when John says that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believed in Him would have everlasting life.

We have been commissioned by the words in 1 John that we should transmit God's love toward our fellowman. For He says "love one another." It makes no difference who the person or persons are or what they have done to us or other people; it is still our duty to show love for these people and to help them in their times of need.

John also says that everyone who loves knows God, but the unloving know nothing of God. If we love our fellowman, we will know God, for the highest knowledge of God is not gained through intellectual endeavor or devotional exercise. These may afford some knowledge but only when man accepts the love of God and shows love for his fellowman can he obtain the highest knowledge of God.

Christian love is to be directed toward the unloving and the unlovable, the hostile and towards one's enemy. The best way to defeat an enemy is to make him a friend by showing love, concern and understanding for him. The love of God includes all things and is present in our every action in our every place of being. The love that God shows for us on Sunday morning is no greater than the love that He shows for us on Monday morning. God's love is the same throughout the week. A person's love for his fellowman should be the same.

The purpose of love in the universe is to be fulfilled in every action. It is in our relation with our fellowman that "God abides in us." He who dwells in love dwells in God; man is made in the image and the likeness of God. God is love, and therefore to be like God, to be what he was meant to be, man must dwell in love.

Summer Slowup Shortcircuits Service

There is a common problem playing havoc with the budgets and bills of many churches in the nation about this time of the year. People go on vacation. Their absence at morning worship is felt not only in terms of their singing voices, bowed heads, listening ears and responses in worship, but also in their missing church offering envelopes.

Some church members, aware of the continuing need for financial support of their churches and the wider mission of the fellowship of which they are a part, make it a point to leave their vacation offering at the church before they leave. Such foresight and thoughtfulness makes it possible for the church to go on functioning in a normal way. Unfortunately not enough folks do this. So, unfortunately, too many churches get caught in a "squeeze" during the summer months.

The wider mission of the church feels this "squeeze" too. Because the local churches cannot have the benefit of full support while members are away, the mission in this country and abroad is shortcircuited. National instrumentalities are hard-put-to-it to give adequate consideration to the needs as they arise.

So, if you are going on vacation, remember to consider the financial needs of your church while you are gone. Or, if you've already been on your vacation, remember to bring your support up to date. The church and its mission depend on you.

SUPPORT YOUR MISSION WITH REGULAR GIFTS

NO COLD STATISTICS

No cold statistics are they there,
In far off lands beyond somewhere;
But they are folks like you and I,
Can hear their little children's cry;
A tiny babe, or two years old,
Can feel a hurt and suffer cold;
Their parents, too, are folks, and kind,
With basic need, and human mind.

But God's own children are they there,
And we are His with much to spare,
For we are given at His will,
Abundant food, abundant skill;
Let's show them how God's love to see,
Help make their land what it should be;
Then our own land will know anew,
His gracious words, "Always with you"!

—John G. Truitt
Shoes of Iron and Brass

Surplus Meat Sent

CROP Joins With Danes

Contributors to CROP, the community appeal of Church World Service, have joined with people in Denmark to send 17,000 tons of pork to malnourished people in developing countries. This international cooperation is unique in that it is the first time the newly established material aid office of the World Council of Churches has been put into operation.

The World Council of Churches material aid office in its Geneva headquarters was established this spring with the help of the U. S. Church World Service material resources director, Melvin Myers. While church and voluntary groups in many countries such as CWS-CROP in the U. S., Bread for the World in Germany, Christian Aid Committee of the British Council of Churches, Danish Interchurch Aid Committee, etc. have funds and resources to help needy people, and are doing so in areas of Asia, Africa and Latin America as well as in pockets of Europe, there has never been a "central file" of available supplies and places of need. The necessity for knowing **what** food, supplies and funds are at hand around the world, and **where** they should be sent, was dramatically pointed out this week. The Danish pork industry was faced with an overwhelming surplus of pork, far in excess of the capacity for frozen storage. When it became public knowledge in Denmark that the pork would have to be destroyed, people were aroused and asked the industry to use the meat for overseas relief.

Through the Danish Interchurch Air Committee and its head, Pastor Viggo Mollerup, Danish church members (both Protestant and Catholic) donated $70,000 last week and expect to raise another $70,000 this Sunday to be used for processing the now frozen meat into canned or salt pork for shipment to malnourished people. The Danish industrialists, processors, shippers are all making the processed meat available and shipping it at cost or under cost.

However, the meat has to be sent to existing programs in developing countries, and Pastor Mollerup immediately cabled Geneva to ask **where** the food could be used. Since Church World Service programs are well established in forty areas of the world, Melvin Myers, CWS material resources director, could indicate, at once, countries where the meat is needed.

Previously, (because there is no U. S. surplus meat donated by our government) CROP funds have been used to supply meat for CWS programs, through outright purchase. Therefore the $10,000 already on hand, from CROP country-wide community appeals last year, could be released to aid in processing costs of this meat, which amounts to approximately .04 or .05 per pound or one-tenth of the price for meat purchased in the U. S.

The total $150,000 — from CROP contributors and Danish church members — will cover expenses of processing and shipping between two and three thousand tons of pork which will go to Church World Service representatives in Congo, Burundi, Haiti, Hong Kong, for distribution to refugees and people in institutions.

The two to three thousand tons are only a fraction of the 17,000 tons which the Danish pork industry anticipates will be available for the world's hungry in the next six months. It is not certain that all of this meat will be used in Church World Service programs overseas, but this international people-to-people effort may set a pattern for world cooperation in alleviating hunger wherever it is found.

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

Business and Industry

Mission Extension

The basic needs of **Our Christian World Mission** remain constant: preaching the gospel, feeding the hungry, helping the afflicted. But the afflictions of the twentieth century are frequently different afflictions from those of earlier times. Today, one ever-growing area of mission lies in our service to peoples involved in business and industry throughout the world.

Overseas, from a large industrial area of Japan to the gold mines of Africa, our denomination helps to support missions to people in business and industry. Here in the U. S. no finer programs of this type can be found than in Chicago and Detroit. But the needs are constantly increasing, and additional personnel are desperately needed so that they can be adequately trained and sent to the hearts of other industrial areas to minister to the minds and souls of peoples caught in a myriad of spiritual and ethical problems — problems in which only the message of Christianity can truly help.

The extension of the Christian mission to peoples in business and industry is one important goal of **Target Ahead** in the program of **Breakthrough**.

Today in Mission

Adult Study Resources

Each semester, sets of resources are made available for use with courses in the United Church Curriculum. These sets are called **TODAY IN MISSION,** and are produced by the Stewardship Council and Division of Christian Education of our denomination.

The packet for use with the adult course which begins in September, entitled THE SHAPE OF CRISIS AND TRAGEDY, is an exceptional one. It contains resources of value to adult study groups using the new courses or not. Five reprints from the United Church Herald would serve well as study reading and discussion for evening study groups, Sunday morning classes, or just informal conversational get-togethers with adults. The five are:

The Church, Pilgrim in Today's World, by David G. Colwell
You Can't Go Back, by Gerald J. Jud
Ambivalence in the Church, by Gerald J. Jud
A New Stance for Jonah, by Gerald J. Jud
Tragedy, by Richard L. Bingham

In addition to these five very fine pieces, there is a copy of the February 1965 issue of **social action** entitled **Strategy for Community Change,** dealing with community action and problems of development.

Packets may be ordered for 35 cents from The Stewardship Council, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Penna. 19102.

In the listing of the delegates to the General Synod from the Southern Convention, the name of W. H. Baker was inadvertently omitted.

Toward An International Religious Liberty Standard

The development of an international standard of religious liberty which would not be subject to the restrictions of existing national constitutions and laws was urged in a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (CCIA) in annual session here.

"Every effort should be made to cause national constitutions and laws to conform to the international standard," the committee declared.

The development of the international standard was one of seven "essential requirements" for religious liberty listed in the resolution by the 11-member committee of church foreign affairs experts.

The commission is an agency of the World Council of Churches. Its chairman is Sir Kenneth Grubb, London; its director is Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, New York.

The resolution noted that "at various times (the committee) had expressed concern about situations in which Roman Catholicism is the dominant religion." It welcomed "current efforts to ensure religious liberty" saying that it had been encouraged by the new attitudes reflected in the Papal Encyclical **Pacem in Terris** of Pope John XXIII.

Also, it added, "we attach particular importance to the fact that the Schema of a Declaration on Religious Liberty containing a definite affirmation of the principles of religious liberty has been prepared for consideration at the next session of the Second Vatican Council.

"We express the hope that it will be adopted and promulgated without weakening of its content and without restrictive interpretation."

These were the seven "essential requirements" for religious liberty listed by the Committee resolution:

"1. While holding a distinctive Christian basis for religious liberty, the civil freedom which Christians claim for themselves must be guaranteed to all men everywhere, whatever their religion or belief.

"2. Religious liberty includes freedom to change one's religion or belief without consequent social, economic, and political disabilities. Implicit in this right is the right freely to maintain one's belief or disbelief without external coercion or disability.

"3. Religious liberty further includes freedom to manifest religion or belief. Worship, teaching, practice, and observance are essential forms of religious manifestation, and any elaboration of the standard of religious liberty must expressly provide for them.

"4. To every person there should be assured the right to manifest his religion or belief, whether alone or in community, and in public or private.

"5. Religious liberty also includes freedom to maintain individual or collective bonds with religious communities or associations, the character of which transcends national boundaries. It also includes freedom to express opinions or convictions and to impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

"6. The standard of religious liberty should be international. The international standard should not be restrictively interpreted to make it conform to existing national constitutions and laws, but every effort should be made to cause national constitutions and laws to conform to the international standard.

"7. The exercise of religious freedom as well as that of other civil rights may be subject to such limitations as are determined by law solely in the interest of public order. Religious rights shall be available for all without discrimination on grounds of religion or belief."

AT SC OFFICE

Mission Theme Resources

A limited number of adult study books are available at the office of the Southern Convention in Elon College. Anyone wishing to purchase them may do so by stopping by and picking them up. These are the Friendship Press books for 1965-66 following the theme MISSION: THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING.

9 copies **STUDY/ACTION MANUAL** at $1.25
6 copies **BABYLON BY CHOICE** at $ .75 (by Martin E. Marty)
7 copies **MISSION AS DECISION** at $.75 (by Ikler & Rowland)
3 copies **THE WORD WITH POWER** at $.75 (by de Dietrich)
2 copies **REALMS OF OUR CALLING** at $.75 (by Grimes)

Sets of the last four of the above books may be purchased for a combined price of $2.75.

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The Home Missionary Discovered

For some reason, a little booklet called **The Home Missionary** has gone undiscovered until now by the editor. Dated 1964, it seeks to present a cross-section of home missions work for young people and adults.

This thirty-six page booklet is pleasant and informative reading. It can be obtained, at no cost in limited quantities, by writing to Central Distribution Service, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Penna. 19102. Order number is BHM-1964-50M. Its seventeen short articles give a representative picture of what we are doing in home missions.

The threat of mass destruction that hangs over our world like the sword of Damocles creates for us a situation both similar to and different from that in which Job found himself. Job actually **experienced** the loss of everything that had made his life meaningful, whereas we are only **threatened** with the destruction of the fabric of our common life. We not only still have our life, we also have within our grasp the power to make the fruits of labor and knowledge available to everyone on the face of the earth. Nevertheless, the real possibility of the destruction of every thing and every person we hold dear on this earth raises for us the very same problem that Job had to face: Where is the ultimate source of meaning for living? We therefore are faced with the very same choice that Job had to face: God, or meaninglessness.

—Robert E. Koenig
Man's Use of God's Power
United Church Curriculum
Adult Resource Book II-3

REPORT FOR JULY 5, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 198.08
Eastern North Carolina Conference	5.00
Western North Carolina Conference	62.92
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	130.50
Total	$ 396.50
Special Offerings	
Saugus Congregational Church, Saugus, Mass.	10.00
New Hope Christian Church, Wadley, Alabama	10.00
Mt. Lebanon United Church, Luray, Va. Bible School	26.42
Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McLelland, Burlington, N. C.	10.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. Fields Cobb	
Total Memorial Gifts	5.00
Special Offerings	591.40
Total	$ 652.82
Total for the Week	$1,049.32

REPORT FOR JULY 12, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 336.82
Eastern North Carolina Conference	91.00
Western North Carolina Conference	11.00
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	180.91
Total	$ 619.73
Special Offerings	
Belews Creek Christian Church, Belews Creek, N. C. Vacation Bible School	9.22
Holy Neck Church, Holland, Virginia Vacation Bible School	12.76
Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Newton, Pomona Park, Fla.	5.00
Clayton Christian Church, Clayton, N. C. Adult Bible Class	5.00
Newport United Church of Christ, Virginia Vacation Bible School	37.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. C. D. West	
In Memory of Miss Effie Lowe	
In Memory of Mrs. Janet Loy Faulkner (2 Memorials)	
In Memory of Edith McPherson Spencer	
In Memory of Dr. E. M. Hunter	
In Memory of Mrs. Maye Ballentine	
In Memory of Mr. John V. Helm	
In Memory of Mr. Elmer White	
Total Memorial Gifts	$ 68.00
Special Offerings	1,101.71
Total	$1,238.69
Total for the Week	$1,858.42

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Dear Friends:

One of our boys, Herbert Wesley Parker, a former student at Western High School, is one of the first two North Carolina students chosen for the Job Corps, organized to help high school dropouts prepare themselves for gainful employment. At the time of Herbert's acceptance more than 100 North Carolina students had applied for training. He was administered the oath by D. Marsh McLelland, clerk of Alamance Superior court, and he will get his training at Tongue Point Center in Astoria, Oregon.

Herbert, an outdoors-type and a very good athlete, left Western High after one semester. We at the Home found he liked farming much better than school. In February, he applied for admission to the Job Corps and went to Raleigh for a physical examination and a battery of aptitude and qualification tests. He was notified of his acceptance recently.

Herbert will review basic arithmetic and language courses and select a job to fit his particular interests. His training will take 10 months to two years, depending on the type of job he decides to work toward.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

New Audio-Visuals

Parables of Nature Set 2

Six color filmstrips with records and guides presenting biblical parables in cartoon animal form. For older primaries through parents. **The Busy Bee** (Wise and Foolish Virgins); **School Days in the Ocean** (The Talents); **The House of the Wren** (The Builders); **Justus, the Ant** (The Husbandman); **Chuckie Chipmunk** (The Good Samaritan); and **Peppy, the Pup** (The Prodigal Son).

The Church Is People

Color filmstrip with recording telling the story of a junior-age girl who comes to realize that the church is more than a building; the church is people who are trying to live as Jesus taught.

The Horrors Of Poverty

We live in a complex world. On the one hand we have unprecedented prosperity, on the other hand, side by side with that prosperity, we have unprecedented poverty. In the United States alone, from Main Street to Appalachia to metropolitan slums, nine million families are poverty-stricken. Who are these poor? They are those among us who because of unemployment or of lack of education or of sickness and old age (to say nothing of racial discrimination) must suffer economically. And, with the dawn of automation and enforced leisure time, their numbers grow each year.

Today, our federal government has declared a national "War on Poverty." Yet the enormous problem of poverty, even within the U. S. alone, cannot be solved unless responsible action, not only in outright welfare grants but in preventive programs of education, of wide population control, and of community development right in our own neighborhoods are undertaken to strike at the heart of the problem of poverty.

Our denomination, like other churches, has long been a leader in the fight against poverty — through, for example, our Migrant Ministries and our new and exceedingly effective Metropolitan Ministries for community planning and redevelopment, to say nothing of the all-encompassing efforts of the church's historic health and welfare agencies in the homeland and its schools and hospitals overseas.

Yet, now, as poverty increases, **Our Christian World Mission** must more than ever before increase our aid to the poverty-stricken not only in the U. S. but throughout the world. Such an increase is one of the foremost goals of the **Target Ahead** phase of the new program of **Breakthrough**.

JAMES W. BRIGHT

Many of our Southern Convention people knew of the work of James W. Bright, who died on June 14 at his office in Cleveland. He served as Secretary for Evangelism in the Division of Evangelism of the United Church of Christ. He has been in the Southern Convention to help train leaders for evangelism programs.

ON THE EDGE

Dr. Ernest R. Wood, member of **Shelton Memorial Church in Portsmouth,** has recently been appointed as President of Frederick College where he formerly served as Dean.

Salem Chapel Church at Walnut Cove will begin using the United Church Curriculum in the fall after studying samples and discussing its potentialities.

A national Youth Caravan Team is spending a week at the **Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville.** The four young people will seek to strengthen the youth ministry at the church during their visit.

Rev. G. Melvin Palmer, pastor of the **Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro,** attended the Pastoral Care Clinic at Duke University during the week of July 19.

Rev. Edsel F. Pugh, minister of the First Christian Church in Ashtabula, Ohio, will be the guest preacher at **Lynnhaven Colony United Church of Christ, Virginia Beach,** on July 18 and 25 while the pastor, Rev. Tom Britton, is on vacation.

Members of **The Christian Temple, Norfolk,** sponsored a reception for Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton on July 25. Dr. Hamilton will be leaving as pastor of the church after nearly ten years of service there. They will be making their home in Palm Beach, Florida.

Rev. Weldon Madren, pastor of **Happy Home United Church of Christ,** was the guest preacher for a special Baptismal Service at the **First Congregational Christian Church (UCC) in Reidsville** on July 25.

Ministers or church secretaries are urged to get in their acceptance cards for **Breakthrough** if they have not already done so. Here is an opportunity to bring your leaders up-to-date on the needs and high hopes of our mission.

First United Church of Christ, Portsmouth

At a legally constituted meeting of the congregation of the **Shelton Memorial Church** — First Congregational — Webster Avenue and Leckie Street, Portsmouth, Virginia, a motion was made and passed that the name of the aforementioned church shall be changed to the following:

First United Church of Christ
Congregational Christian

This meeting was held on Sunday, July 18, 1965. Pastor of the church is the Rev. William T. Joyner.

Lackey Article Reprinted in Memo

Rev. John Lackey's article in **The Christian Sun** on March 16 dealing with the new curriculum has been reprinted in the **Christian Education Memo** published quarterly by our Division of Christian Education. This **Memo** is mailed out to local leaders nationally. In the opening paragraph preceding the article, **Memo** notes that ". . . it would be interesting to use his four key words as focal points for original discussion in small groups at some workshop."

Brokenshire Memorial Hospital

Davao, The Philippines

CHURCHMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PROJECT

Before . . .

Over forty years ago the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Congregational churches founded Brokenshire Memorial Hospital in the large city of Davao in the Philippines. This hospital not only rendered medical and operative care; it housed and trained nurses and conducted student intern education. Brokenshire was a hospital of 115 beds, a nurses' dormitory, and a nursing school.

The Morning of Feb. 10, 1964

On February 10 a fire broke out in the Lyric Theatre in Davao. The season had been unusually dry and the fire quickly spread to the nearby Brokenshire Hospital. Patients were evacuated by boat across the river. Before the flames could be controlled, only the nurses' dormitory remained standing. The hospital and the nurses' school were completely destroyed. Emergency funds were provided to convert the nurses dormitory into a temporary hospital. Nurses were housed in a nearby church. The work of the hospital continues in these temporary facilities until a new hospital can be built.

Brokenshire's Future?

Already a new hospital is being planned to occupy a lot donated by the Board of World Ministries. This new location is on a plateau outside the city of Davao and commands an imposing view of Mount Apo. This is a good location in a land which experiences destructive floods. A two-story building with a basement is being planned. It will be a 250-bed hospital with a nursing unit that will service thirty people. It is hoped that a psychiatric wing can be included. The new hospital has been designed to serve the community in all phases of hospital care and public health.

Brokenshire is one of the three hospitals serving a city with a population of 260,000 in a province of over 1,000,000 people. The need is great.

The Churchmen's Fellowship has voted to help rebuild Brokenshire Hospital. The goal for this project is unlimited. Donations to the building program for Brokenshire Hospital should be marked **Churchmen's Fellowship Project** and sent through the treasurer of your conference to the treasurer of the United Church of Christ.

Laity Sunday Brochures

The Council for Lay Life and Work recommends calling October 10, 1965 **Laity Sunday.** Local churches should encourage men, women and young people to share in a special morning worship service that day.

Two alternative theme suggestions are offered. The first is **MISSION: THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING.** The other is **SO, INQUIRE CONCERNING THE BOOK.** A brochure is available providing suggested scripture, hymns and helpful resources for each. A handbook and special bulletins are being made ready for the second theme. Orders for the brochure **Laity Sunday** may be sent to Council for Lay Life and Work, 297 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10010. They are free in limited quantities. There is also a service of dedication in the brochure for the **Family Thank Offering,** which many churches dedicate on Laity Sunday each year.

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An increase in distribution of Scriptures to more than 75 million copies annually and construction of a new Bible House are major objectives of the American Bible Society for 1966 in observance of its 150th Anniversary.

FAMINE

Today two billion people, or two-thirds of the world's entire population, are forced to live in conditions of nutritional deficiency, and an estimated one-half of these, or one billion people, are continuous victims of actually crippling hunger. Far worse, the world's food experts predict that, by 1975, famine will stalk many a densely-populated nation. Already, the surplus milk supplies of the world have become non-existent, and a similar situation may soon develop in present surpluses of wheat and rice.

Through **Our Christian World Mission,** the United Church of Christ has long worked to alleviate the underlying reasons for world famine, which frequently lie in the explosive growth of world-wide population and in the lack of agricultural and technical education in many an emerging nation. But the problem of famine increases day by day. By 1975, the global population is expected to have increased by some sixty-five million additional mouths to feed.

Thus, as an integral part of **Target Ahead** in the program of **Breakthrough,** the United Church of Christ proposes to increase its aid to the famine-stricken peoples of the world.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

136 Student's On Dean's List

One hundred thirty-six Elon College students earned a place on the Dean's List for the spring semester, according to a recent announcement from the office of Dean Fletcher Moore. The group included six students who had no grade less than A on any subject, along with 130 others who averaged B on their semester's work.

Those who made all A grades were: Theodore Cooper, Portsmouth, Va.; William Dalke, Woodstock, Va.; Wanda Edwards, Raleigh; James Howell, Franklin, Va.; Kay Jeffreys, Burlington; and Carl King, Charlotte.

Those with a B average included Jane Aaron, Burlington; Douglas Allred, Burlington; David Andes, Elon College; Billy Bailey, Graham; Sandra Bergman, Uncasville, Conn.; Carolyn Blanks, Nathalie, Va.; Eugenia Bouldin, Pittsboro; Jack Brammer, Leaksville;

Martha Brandon, Burlington; Gail Campbell, Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J.; Willa Campbell, Burlington; Mackie Carden, Durham; Janie Carr, West Hillsboro; Jerri Caskey, Graham; Gerald Cates, Hazelhurst, Ga.; Archie Caudle, Goldston; Helen Claxton, Washington, D. C.; Rogert Clayton, Roxboro;

George Colclough, Elon College; Grace Comer, Seagrove; Robert Credick, Elon College; Jane Dailey, Gibsonville; Nancy Jo Daniel, Henderson; Patricia Dean, Burlington; John Dominick, Durham; Elizabeth Dearborn, Salisbury; Linda Durham, Burlington; Douglas Dwyer, Wilton, Conn.; Katherine Ellington, Henderson; Thelma Elliott, Burlington;

Robert Freeman, Scarsdale, N. Y.; Jennifer Gamble, Hendersonville; Diane Gerlach, Elon College; Douglas Giesler, Gibsonville; Robert Grady, Norwich, Conn.; Kenneth Graves, Burlington; Rebecca Graves, Burlington; William Green, Wilmington, Del.; Robert Gregory, Norfolk, Va.; Tommie Griffin, Burlington;

Nora Guthrie, Nathalie, Va.; Gwendolyn Hancock, Fairfax, Va.; Linda Hardie, Burlington; Kenneth Harper, Henderson; Dale Harriman, Winston-Salem; Franklin Harris, Ruffin; Raymond Harris, Burlington; Rebecca Harward, Durham; Gerald Henderson, Graham; Sharon Hepburn, Southwick, Mass.; Reindina Hietbrink, Groningen, Netherlands;

Victoria Hodge, Elon College; Ronald Hodkinson, Taftville, Conn.; Patricia Holland, Burlington; Ray Hollingsworth, Randleman; Susan Holmes, Elon College; Vicki Horner, Mebane; Flora Jean Hovis, Spruce Pine; Joyce Howell, Suffolk, Va.; Paula Hudson, Columbia, S. C.; Ellen Huffines, Elon College; Grover Huffines, Burlington;

Richard Hutchins, Durham; Barbara Ippolito, Burlington; Donald Johnson, Burlington; Linda Keck, Burlington; Donald King, Elon College; Kathy Kirby, Charlotte; Arthur Klaff, Baltimore, Md.; Ineke Koorn, Eindhoven, Holland; Kathleen Krecji, Virginia Beach, Va.; Janet Lamm, Burlington; Robert La Rose, Chesapeake, Va.;

Berwyn Lawrence, Timmonsville, S. C.; Dace Lewis, Burlington; Marcia Keypoldt, McLean, Va.; Faye Lineberry, Alamance; Rita Lockhart, Graham; Bonnie Longest, Elon College; Donald Martin, Burlington; Albert Massey, Burlington; Kay McCauley, Burlington;

Patricia McCausland, North Wantagh, N. Y.; Jane McIver, Burlington; Linda McPherson, Burlington; Ricky McPherson, Haw River; John Michaels, Durham; Alice Mitchell, Kensington, Md.; Lea Mitchell, Burlington; Larry Mixon, Jacksonville, Fla.; Marshall Montgomery, Burlington; Naomi Moore, Charlotte;

Sandra Nagy, Allendale, N. J.; Thomas Newsome, Burlington; Jack Oakes, Burlington; Barbara Parker, Rougemont; Carl Parker, Burlington; Mable Peeler, Burlington; James Pope, N. Massapequa, N. Y.; Jane Pointer, Semora; Barbara Price Sussex, Va.; Linda Price, Leaksville; Bill Price, Burlington; Glenda Pridgen, Raleigh;

Sonny Pruette, Roanoke Rapids; Richard Pruitt, Pelham; Samuel Rankin, Charlotte; Phyllis Register, Burlington; Janice Rice, Reidsville; Linda Rich, Elon College; William Richardson, West Hillsboro; James Saunders, Salisbury; Lloyd Scheer, Alexandria, Va.; Kathryn Sellers, Broadway, Va.; Mary Jean Shaw, Mebane; Gary Sisk, Burlington; Alton Skinner, Durham;

Stephen Sink, Winston-Salem; Linda Steele, Burlington; Fred Stephenson, Greenville, R. I.; Carolyn Stevens, Durham; Patricia Summers, Gibsonville; Peggy Thomas, Franklinville; Jerry Thompson, Lexington; Betty Turman, Burlington; William Turner, Draper; Denny Wagoner, Elon College; Thomas Warner, Cincinnati, Ohio; James Watkins, Stoneville;

James Watson, Graham; Annie Ruth Webb, Burlington; Evelyn Webster, Burlington; Paulette Westphal, Hampton, Va.; Paula Kay Whitesell, Elon College; Donald Williams, Silver Spring, Md.; Sandra Williams; Newport News, Va.; Albert Woodward, Wilmington, Delaware; Mary Elizabeth Woolsey, Madison, N. J.; Sandra Wrenn, Staley; Sandra Wright, Roanoke Rapids; Brenda York, Liberty; and Russell Zumwatt, Annandale, Va.

Group Insurance

— Last Minute —

To help the "last minute" men, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has agreed to accept applications without medical examination during the month of July. Eligible Annuity Fund members of the Southern Convention, who haven't already signed up for this Group Life Insurance plan with our denomination, may write to Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers, 287 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10010 for application forms.

Monticello Visitor

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CHANNEL 2

Uncle Roy, a regular member of the Channel 2 — WFMY-TV program of the "Old Rebel and Pecos Pete" show, entertained the young people and adults at the Monticello United Church of Christ Vacation Church School. School directors were Mrs. Kathleen Troxler, Mrs. Dot Lambeth, and Mrs. J. E. Combie.

DEDICATION SERVICE AT DISPUTANTA CENTERVILLE

A Dedication Service was held on June 27 at 3:00 for the newly renovated church building of the Centerville Congregational Christian Church at Disputanta, Virginia. Included in the renovation were a new foundation, floors, interior and exterior repairs and painting, carpeting, handrails at entrances, door awnings, outside bulletin board and a vestibule. These changes were made possible through the hard work of the members, individual donors, Waverly Development Company and the C. M. A. aid.

The Dedication Service was followed by a reception with friends from several of the churches in the area. Pastor of the church is the Reverend John F. McCloy.

the YOUTH MINISTRY conferences

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Purposes — to provide guidance in the Youth Ministry of local churches
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REMEMBER THE DEADLINE — AUGUST 17

UCCurriculum Adult Courses Listed

Next year's courses for adults in church schools using the United Church Curriculum promise to be important additions to the total plan of study. The adult courses are the only ones in the curriculum which do not operate on a cycle basis; they change every semester, year after year.

The first course for next year (September - January) will be **Armed for Crisis,** with a student's resource book entitled **The Shape of Crisis and Tragedy.** From February through June the course will be **The Church Fathers Speak,** with the resource book **The Fathers of the Early Church.** The summer semester, July and August, will be **Worship,** and the resource book for student use, **The Life of Worship.**

The courses for 1966-67 have also been tentatively listed. Beginning in the fall of 1966 (September - January), **Questions in the Gospels.** From February - June, 1967, **The World Mission of the Church.** And the 1967 summer course, **Living in the Incarnation.**

The adult materials may be ordered along with the regular curriculum for other age groups, or separately. The cost of five month teachers' books is $1.00 and for the two month summer coursebook, 50 cents. The cost of the students' resource book for the five month semesters are $1.00 and 50 cents for the summer book.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Ecumeny City

Our church at East Burlap keeps up with all the latest ideas and methods for learning in the church. Take the last meeting of the Adult Christian Home Enrichment Society, for example.

A guest speaker was invited to come to their meeting for a dialogical confrontation with the president of the Society on a subject currently of concern to the church at large. The dialogue between the visitor and Mr. Frank Lee Densely, president of the Society, is here recorded as the kind of refreshing experience possible when modern methods are used to stimulate the thinking of alert men and women in the church. The confrontation took place in the fellowship hall before about thirty gathered and concerned members.

Guest: Tell me, what are your feelings about ecumenicity?

Densely: That's one of those new South American capitols, isn't it? I'm afraid I don't keep up with goings on down there as well as I ought to.

Guest: I beg your pardon!

Densely: No need to apologize. You must have your dates confused. We were supposed to talk together here about something religious, not political developments.

Guest: Perhaps I didn't make myself clear. Ecumenicity. Surely you've heard of the ecumenical movement?

Densely: My goodness! How ignorant you must think I am! The ecumenical movement! Certainly! This whole business of machines taking over our jobs is really a concern we need to think about. You couldn't have picked a better subject!

Guest: (after mumbling to himself) No, no! the ecumenical movement is concerned with different religious fellowships who are seeking a better understanding of each other and aspects of their religious beliefs held in common.

Densely: It is!

Guest: Surely you're familiar with the conversations between several of the major denominations dealing with possible unity.

Densely: Did the National Council of Churches send you here?

Guest: Of course not! I'm with the Interpretive Division of Interdenominational Organizations Theological Section.

Densely: We're opposed to it all!

Guest: To What?

Densely: To whatever you stand for!

Guest: Cooperation and effective witness?

Densely: Words! They just hide the real facts! You're all involved in a conspiracy to corrupt the church and our standards of fair-play and charity for all.

Guest: How can you say such a thing . . . you know nothing about us!

Densely: We've heard about your attempts to undermine our religion. For all we care, you can take your stuff back to that new city in South America you were talking about!

And thus ended the diabolical confrontation.

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The Fifth General Synod

A Summary Of Events

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS . . . President Ben Mohr Herbster urged responsible participation in world affairs. **Pray for peace. Work for peace,** he said. **But do not speak in ignorance. Find out what steps can be taken realistically by our nation to achieve peace, then speak out in behalf of a just and honorable means to end the military engagements going on in the world.**

I am well aware, Dr. Herbster said, **that the local church, gathered from the surrounding residential community, can no longer serve adequately as the sole form of the worshipping congregation in the world. It is too much fixed in location and limited in scope to serve all the needs of our highly complex and mobile urban society. Therefore, I am a strong advocate of the development of new forms of church life and experimental ministries.**

But I am not ready to write off the parish church as we know it. I probably go into more congregations of the United Church of Christ than does any other person. I want to testify that these churches are not empty shells, or institutions drifting without a rudder, or anacronisms unaware of the massive and rapid social change going on about them.

Dr. Herbster expressed the hope that the nearly 7,000 parishes of the United Church **shall grow in faith and in the number of the faithful who are counted in their membership. I do not look for growth for the sake of money, or power, or denominational aggrandizement. I know there are in this country millions of people who, even though they may have heard the Gospel, are not faithful to it in the way in which the active members of our churches are faithful. I want these people who have not learned the joys of discipleship to be drawn into our fellowship where they may experience those joys. I do not for one moment believe what some people are telling you: that only the few can be faithful. If the Gospel of Jesus Christ is only for the few, it is for no one.**

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men . . .
/KJ

You leave the commandment of God, and hold fast the tradition of men.
/RSV

You are so busy holding on to the traditions of men that you let go the Commandment of God!
/Phillips

And what, then, is God's commandment? What is the greatest of the commandments? What is it which, when faithfully fulfilled, carries with it all other commandments as a result?

It is to love God with our whole being: heart, soul, mind, and strength. And our neighbors as ourselves.

The tradition of men has slightly altered Jesus' statement. Love the Lord thy God with heart, mind, soul and strength on Sunday morning. And thy neighbor as thyself, but be careful who thy neighbor is.

Though we are unworthy, though we distort His word, though we come far short of what God wills for us, He continues to love us. His is an unqualified love. His commandment cannot ttherefore be qualified. It can only be ignored, or twisted, or distorted.

Southern Convention Delegates Elected To Instrumentalities

Delegates from the Southern Convention to the Fifth General Synod of the United Church of Christ held last month in Chicago gave a good account of themselves and represented the Convention well.

The Rev. Robert B. Marr, pastor of the Suffolk Christian Church, introduced a resolution reaffirming the **"church's long opposition to Communism"** which passed without opposition. No one should be able to accuse the United Church of being soft on Marxism and Communism.

Mrs. W. B. Williams of Newport News and **James F. Darden** of Suffolk were elected to membership on the Stewardship Council. **Rev. Robert B. Marr** was elected to the Board for World Ministries, as was **Richard J. Holland** of Windsor.

Congratulations to these outstanding members of the Southern Convention on their election to important United Church of Christ instrumentalities.

August UCC Bulletins By George Malick

The United Church of Christ Sunday Bulletins for the month of August will be drawings of biblical characters done by the reknowned artist, George Malick. Included in this series are Jeremiah, Isaiah, Daniel, and Paul with the Ephesian Elders. The fifth cover is an attractive reproduction of Proverbs 16:1-9 (kjv).

The back cover of this same series presents information about some of the segments within our United Church of Christ. The Welsh, Winnebago Indians, Armenian Evangelicals, Japanese, and Hungarian Reformed are all briefly sketched.

More and more churches are making use of these educational and inspirational worship resources. The cost is $1.24 per hundred and they may be subscribed to from Sunday Bulletin Service, Stewardship Council, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19102.

Three Curriculum Training Opportunities

During August, there will be three opportunities for teachers and church school workers to share in training sessions anticipating the fall, September - January, courses of the United Church Curriculum.

On **August 23** (Monday), from 7:30-9:30, at the **Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville,** the training will include use of the first year, first semester materials, and a background of the age groups and methods for teaching each age.

On **August 24** (Tuesday), from 7:30-9:30, at the **Congregational United Church of Christ in Greensboro,** the training will include use of the first year, first semester courses, and information on teaching the age groups.

On **August 29** (Sunday), at **Trinity United Church of Christ in Conover,** there will be **demonstration classes** taught in all departments by regular teachers with evaluation and discussion sessions following led by qualified individuals. The first year, first semester courses will be used.

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THE FIFTH GENERAL SYNOD

A Summary

MODERATOR . . . Dr. Hollis F. Price, president of LeMoyne College, Memphis, Tenn., was elected moderator, 1965-67. The first Negro elected to this position in the denomination, Dr. Price is an important force in the progress of Memphis toward racial integration. The Newspaper Guild there gave him its 1963 Citizen Award. He is a board member of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, chairman of the board of the Memphis Urban League, and vice chairman of the Memphis Community Relations Committee. He is a member of the Board for World Ministries. New assistant moderators are Dr. George Gerald Parker, minister, First Church, Manhasset, N. Y., and member, Board for World Ministries, and Mrs. Martin H. Burger, Jamestown, Mo., member, Missouri Conference Board.

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL . . . Dr. Sheldon Mackey, executive secretary, told delegates that 90% of total annual contributions of $160,000,000 is spent by local churches and only $16,000,000 for the missionary enterprise by conferences and national agencies. He called for **renewal and recovery** of the meaning of both stewardship and mission and urged participation by every local church in an **Every Church Visitation** program. The visitation, designed to increase understanding and support and world missionary enterprise in the new denominational thrust called **Breakthrough,** will take place during the last two weeks of September and the first week of October. It was announced that nearly all conferences are participating in the program and that conference teams will receive intensive training before their visits to the churches.

Synod recommended that there be only two all-church offerings each year: one in the spring for One Great Hour of Sharing for the BWM Service Division, one in the fall for work in the homeland, including programs such as racial justice and urbanization; that special offerings be limited to the Christmas Fund.

USE OF NAME, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST . . . Urged churches to emphasize their membership in the denomination through use of the name United Church of Christ . . . also urged fullest use of the official emblem and roadside signs.

ELECTIONS . . . Dr. Herbster was elected for a second four-year term as president. Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer was re-elected secretary and Charles H. Lockyear, treasurer. In his acceptance speech Dr. Herbster said, **The United Church of Christ will be in the world, where God intends her to be, a bulwark for righteousness and justice, and always a reconciling and redeeming fellowship to heal the hurt of the world.**

ANTI-POVERTY . . . Approved an all-out attack on poverty and establishment of a task force to develop and coordinate programs and aid local programs. The task force will include staff members of the Council for Christian Social Action, the Boards for Homeland and World Ministries, the Council for Lay Life and Work, and the committees on Racial Justice Now and Urbanization Emphasis. Declaring **deprivation, unemployment, and lack of effective voice among the poor** to be matters of **gravest urgency,** Synod called on local churches, associations, and conferences **to recognize the responsibility to become better informed about the causes of poverty, to be more deeply involved in the struggle to end poverty.**

BOARD FOR WORLD MINISTRIES . . . Synod recognized the value to churches of the deputation work of overseas personnel; requested that careful attention be given to their scheduling so that **their time and talents may be used most creatively,** encouraged churches, associations, and conferences to cooperate with other denominations in scheduling UCC personnel on furlough; called for increased effort to enlist **mature and qualified persons** for service overseas. Since deficit financing has been necessary to carry on BWM work, Synod **urges every member of the UCC to re-examine his own pattern of giving.**

BOARD FOR HOMELAND MINISTRIES . . . Synod urged the Division of Christian Education to create new educational patterns adequate for the times; at the same time Synod urged the Division to help the conferences and associations and churches to work with the public at large to secure adequate public school education for all; recommended that the Division of Church Extension and conferences extend their mission to power structures, to business and industry, to the fields of art and science and leisure and recreation and to public and political areas; urged ecumenical planning in Christian Education, Church Extension, and in Health and Welfare Services.

HEADQUARTERS . . . Synod reaffirmed a 1963 decision to maintain national headquarters in New York City and rescinded a five-year limitation on leases. Believing that **a greater degree of coordination and an improvement in overall efficiency** will be achieved in one headquarters, Synod instructed the Instrumentalities to move, at the earliest possible date, all offices, other than regional and field offices, to New York City.

EMPHASIS . . . Adopted **The Missionary Role of the Parish Church** as the denominational emphasis for 1968-69 and also voted to continue the emphasis on Church and Urbanization into 1966-67.

Fifth General Synod

COUNCIL FOR CHURCH AND MINISTRY . . . Dr. Harold H. Wilke, director, reaffirmed the **importance, necessity, responsibility and service** of the parish minister. **In the past ten years we have, perhaps not deliberately, downgraded and maligned the minister in the local parish, making it appear as if he were just one of any number of people who can conduct the affairs of the church,** he said.

Synod asked state conferences to study salaries of their ministers and set-up standards, noting that standards should be set on the basis of the cost-of-living index, local living conditions, the minister's experience and competence. The Synod urged all UCC congregations to maintain frequent communication with members in the armed forces, away at school, or in hospitals or other institutions; called to the attention of ministers and trained lay members the **growing need for pastoral care, counseling, planning, and programming induced by special conditions such as alcoholism, drug addiction, marital breakdowns, illicit pregnancies, homosexuality;** urged congregations to **consider seriously the suggestion that pastors be given a three or four month 'sabbatical leave' for study.**

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN UNITY . . . Voted to direct its delegates to the Consultation on Church Union to participate in the immediate drawing up of a plan of union with Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Disciples of Christ, and Evangelical United Brethren; voted that any plan of union recommended by the Consultation will be sent to all local UCC churches for study and recommendations prior to adoption by the Consultation. Any final plan will be ratified by UCC conferences, but **action to commit a congregation to become a part of the new denomination will be taken by the congregation itself.** Suggested Sunday, April 24, 1966 as a day for joint study, prayer for church union, and pulpit exchanges.

Mindful of attacks being made on the National Council of Churches, the Synod reaffirmed support of **this great ecumenical instrument** in the belief that the NCC is **a faithful and useful instrument of the Lord Christ in the mission shared by all who carry his Name.**

PENSION BOARDS . . . Voted that annuities for retired ministers be immediately supplemented to bring them up to $1,200 a year. It also declared its intention to raise the pension floor to $1,500 within two years, or sooner if benevolent giving by local churches makes this possible. It strongly urged all local churches to place the annual premiums for their ministers' pension plans in their regular budgets. It urged prompt consummation of the merger of Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian boards.

RACIAL JUSTICE . . . Voted to continue the Committee for Racial Justice Now; asked all churches to make special appeal for funds for the committee's work in 1966, and authorized funds for the rest of 1965. The new committee will be at large and of the Fellowship of the Committed. The Committee was instructed to: focus the concern of the churches on setting their own houses in order; provide a national liaison with ecumenical, inter-faith, and other concerted efforts; stimulate the **development of a comprehensive and co-ordinated strategy** to move the churches toward the **moral goal of full human rights for all**; encourage the development of projects for racial justice and reconciliation, and serve the churches in crisis or emergency situations.

Voted to ask all local churches, state conferences, and boards and agencies to hire ministers and other personnel **on the basis of professional competence regardless of race**; to open their doors to all and to do business only with those suppliers which **practice fair employment**; to include Negroes on boards; to work in their communities for integrated schools, equal job opportunity, open housing, equal access to public accommodations, equal voting rights; equal protection under the law, and the repeal of all racially discriminatory laws.

Dr. Robert W. Spike, director, National Council's Commission on Religion and Race, said Protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews in **a coalition of consciences** have acted as a **third force** which has prevented the **drift toward outright rebellion and violence** in the civil rights struggle. He said because of the churches' involvement in this struggle **Americans are now more likely to think of the clergyman on the march at the head of a civil rights picket line than as a silly caricature of ineffectuality.** Stressing the need for greater understanding of the issues at stake, he pointed to the **naive simplifications** of people who want to separate religion from political life.

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATION . . . Synod voted unanimously to **commend and support** the work, begun in Jackson, Miss., of monitoring television and radio stations to uncover discrimination against Negroes, and an appeal to the Federal courts from the decision of the Federal Communications Commission with respect to the Jackson stations, in order **to raise before the Federal judiciary the crucial question of the right of the public to be heard by a federal regulatory agency when important public issues are being decided.** Synod recommended that conferences and associations establish committees on mass communications to focus upon local needs and directed the Office of Communication to aid these committees; encouraged seminaries to offer training in this field and directed the OC to make assistance available; commended the forthcoming television series, **Tangled World.**

BUDGET . . . Synod adopted a total budget of $11,900,000 for 1966, $1,000,000 beyond the projected receipts for 1965. The $1,000,000 is to be raised to permit the TARGET AHEAD program of vital new work to begin in 1967.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION . . . Synod directed the Budget Committee **to assign high priority to the meeting of the demonstrated needs of the seminaries when it determines the allocation of any available funds in excess of $11,500,000 in each of the years 1966 and 1967.**

Reaffirmed confidence in the policy of the **United Church Herald** as published in its masthead and expressed its **faith in responsible freedom of speech and press within the fellowship of faith.**

Noted "with interest" **the discount of twenty per cent** now offered to all members of UCC on books purchased through United Church book stores.

COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION . . . Synod voted to support UN Secretary General U Thant's position on Viet Nam — **that only political and diplomatic methods of negotiation and discussion can find a peaceful solution**, and commended President Johnson for his **oft-repeated willingness** to negotiate the problem. It urged Congress to give long-term authorization to the U. S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; and affirmed its belief that the United Nations is an indispensable instrument of international cooperation.

On legislative apportionment Synod **opposed amendments proposed in Congress which would make it possible, by referendum in the states, to apportion one house of the state legislature on factors other than population.**

Synod urged the U. S. Government to take a positive position in consulting with other nations on how the People's Republic of China may be brought into the United Nations; made clear that this action **did not in any way** indicate the Church does not oppose Communism.

Also endorsed were home rule for the District of Columbia and the National Housing and Development Act of 1965. The elimination of the national origins immigration quota provisions was urged.

COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE . . . Voted that the Executive Council appoint a Committee on Structure, with a maximum membership of 20, to study the services and relationships of conferences, instrumentalities and the General Synod and to formulate proposals for more effective operation. The Committee may seek staff and may employ professional consultants. The Synod directed that the Committee be furnished a budget and that it report to the Executive Council.

COUNCIL FOR LAY LIFE AND WORK . . . Synod commended the plan to continue the Family Thank Offering; requested the Council to provide more helps and encouragement to the local church groups; to develop better lines of communication with lay leaders and clergy, and to study the role and needs of the contemporary family.

NEW CONFERENCE . . . Gave permission to churches in Arizona, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas, now in the Southern California Conference, to form a separate conference to be called the Southwest Conference. With 34 churches and 12,000 members, the new conference is expected to be organized by Jan. 1, 1966.

QUOTATIONS FROM ADDRESSES . . . Rev. Harold D. Long, minister of First United Church of Christ, Birmingham, Ala., said in the communion sermon that people who wash their hands of racial injustice and poverty are as responsible for these problems as a "respectable Roman official" was for the death of Jesus.

DR. RAY GIBBONS . . . director, Council for Christian Social Action, said that the churches must provide the "staying power for the long haul." To end poverty in the U. S., he said, will require "area redevelopment and regional planning, increased and extended minimum wages, adequate and inclusive social insurance, major public works programs, conservation and development of natural resources, encouragement of economic growth and assurance of basic income."

MORRIS B. ABRAM . . . president of the American Jewish Committee, called for a dialogue between the religions in which "each in candor evaluates its own successes and failures, admits its past errors and resolves to work cooperatively for a better society." He urged an end to interfaith discussions "which evade the heart of what each regards as important."

THOMAS G. AYERS . . . UCC layman and president of the Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago, told delegates that church organizations should utilize modern business techniques to keep pace with the secular world. He recommended that the United Church review what he called the "welter of semi-autonomous" bodies at the national level which he described as "cumbersome and inefficient."

REV. HORST SYMANOWSKI . . . a Confessing Church minister from West Germany, who is director of the Mainz-Kastel Mission Haus, said the failure of the Church to adapt itself to the changing world has enabled Marxists to take the lead in the struggle for the allegiance of men. If the Gospel isn't relevant to the political and social happenings in the world "nobody will believe in its reality and power," he said. He called for a lowering of barriers between western nations and Communistic countries because "crossing the border to people who feel different and hostile is really the way that God started in Jesus Christ."

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. . . . said the Church has too often been content to mouth "pious irrelevancies and sanctimonious trivialities" and to remain silent behind the "anesthetizing security of stained-glass windows.

"If the churches will free themselves from the shackles of a deadening status quo," Dr. King said, and will speak and act "fearlessly and insistently in terms of justice and peace," they will "transform dark yesterdays of hatred into bright tomorrows of love" and "the jangling discords of America into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood."

The Church And Africa

The overriding concerns of the people of Africa are **social and economic progress** among the newly independent nations, and **national liberation** among those still under colonial oppression. The newly created nations are trying desperately **to find their way into the community of nations,** and the others are looking in all directions **for help in their liberation causes.** Africa today is a continent of tensions. These tensions are not only political, social, and economic, but are cultural as well. The conflict of the generations is made real in the life of the church.

The Church of Jesus Christ is called to minister to these people in the name of her Lord. **It holds ever before the world its concern for a just social order, while at the same time it renders that much needed ministry of love, forgiveness, and reconciliation.**

—Chester L. Marcus
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U. C. Board for World Ministries

In Ghana

"We must move on!"

As we see it, the need is for trained local leadership, for committed men who, while carrying on with their work as farmers, will serve as teachers and catechists for their villages, and as evangelists to the neighboring villages.

To this end a leadership training course was begun in February. Eight young men completed the residential part of the course. A dormitory with four rooms had been built on the church plot by the people of the villages where we preach, as a joint cooperative effort. (The total cost for materials was $45!) The young men stayed there for one month taking classes in Bible, Chokosi literacy (using a primer made just for this purpose), hymn-singing, and the Christian life.

At the end of the month they returned to their villages, and now they come in every market day for continuing lessons. Each of them is now teaching one other person in his village to read and helping the evangelists to lead worship. By the end of the year, we hope they, together with the elders, will assume full responsibility for their villages, thus freeing the evangelists to go to new villages since we have 112 villages to cover, we must move on!

From **The Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Krass,** Ghana

Theme Hymn Available

Copies of the Theme Hymn, **Lord, We Thank Thee For Our Brothers,** are available from The Southern Convention Office, Box 336, Elon College, N. C., 27244, at **1c per copy.** Address orders to Miss Ruth Dunn and make checks or money orders payable to The North Carolina Women's Fellowship. The Theme Hymn is the hymn being suggested for the Women's Fellowship for 1965-66 on the general theme, **Mission: The Christian's Calling.**

Emergency in Africa

No peoples today stand in greater need of Christian help than do the peoples of Africa, where nearly a million refugees from political and racial persecution bode an explosive situation for the entire world. These refugees need emergency relief in the form of food and clothing. They also need far more, since among them are hundreds of thousands of politically restless youth on whose future depends much of the future of the entire continent. Of the youth among the refugees, no less an authority than the present Minister of Foreign Affairs in Great Britain, Sir Hugh Foote, has said, "The churches brought education to Africa. If, now, they fail to give practical leadership to the youth whom they have partly educated, they will not only be destroyed by a monster of their own making, but they will have betrayed their hopes."

Clearly the need in Africa is an emergency one, and to this end the World Council of Churches has inaugurated a vast ten million-dollar program of emergency relief and education in which the United Church of Christ has been asked to share. Thus it is that the United Church seeks funds for helping implement this emergency program to:

- set up schools for the refugee youth of Africa at this vital moment in the continent's history.
- train capable African leadership for a rural development program on a continent where eighty per cent of the population will for an indefinite period remain outside the great urban centers.

An Emerging Continent

On no continent is the world changing more drastically than on the continent of Africa, where, as more and more new nations emerge, the problems to be met by **Our Christian World Mission** multiply each day. What are some of the most urgent of these problems? They include the need for technical assistance, the need for education for the youth who will soon lead these new nations, and the need for helping the peoples of Africa to choose wisely among the ideologies offered to them as they strive to fulfill their national goals. As only one example, thousands of teachers are needed during the next five years within the new nations of Africa.

To meet the staggering needs of a turbulent Africa, the World Council of Churches has appealed to its participating denominations throughout the world for an additional two million dollars a year for the next five years, making a total five-year appeal amounting to ten million dollars. One of the primary requisites of this Emergency Fund for Africa is that the newly-instituted All-Africa Church Conference will have a major voice in distribution of the Fund, thus making concrete and realistic the Christian concern for the growth of African democracy. An adequate contribution to the Emergency Fund for Africa is one of the chief goals of **Target Ahead.**

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The American Bible Society entered upon its 150th year in May 1965, but the first formally-organized local group was the Bible Society of Philadelphia established in 1808.

CROP Meets Disaster Needs

Recent disaster in Korea and East Pakistan and warfare in South Viet Nam have brought misery and hunger to many thousands of people. In response to emergency requests from its community appeal, CROP, to help supply some of the most urgent needs of disaster victims.

In Viet Nam, where CWS has already sent four registered nurses and medical supplies to Saigon and Nha Trang to minister to the civilian population in this war-torn area, there is also great need for clothing. When this became known last month, CROP, which is responsible for obtaining food and self-help supplies for overseas relief programs of Church World Service, was asked to raise $7,500 for purchase of yard goods, so that women in South Viet Nam could sew their own garments.

Already, there has been hearty response from U. S. contributors. Packets consisting of four or five yard lengths each of black, white, and printed materials, plus thread and needles — or donations of $2.50 each for purchase of a cloth packet — are being collected for shipment to Viet Nam. Not only will this cloth provide a means of income for seamstresses, but the clothing will be made in the simple styles normally worn by the people in the area.

Additional aid for Vietnamese citizens, displaced from their homes and livelihood, will be provided by CROP in its cooperating venture with Danish church members. Last week CROP funds in the amount of $10,000 were released to be used with Danish contributions to pay for the processing of millions of pounds of frozen pork in surplus which the Danish pork industry would have been otherwise forced to destroy. Some 100,000 pounds of salted and canned pork will go to Viet Nam.

To Korea, where the worst floods in forty years hit the Seoul area last weekend, pork, from the same Danish storehouses, in the amount of 450,00 pounds, will be sent for distribution to homeless, destitute people. While food supplies are on hand for immediate needs in Seoul, the extensive crop losses have made it mandatory to provide more supplies if victims of the flood are to escape starvation.

Forty thousand acres of rice fields were flooded, cabled the Church World Service representative from Seoul. **One hundred are dead or missing, with 140,000 victims and the total expected to rise.** There will be need for rice to plant fields when waters have receded and to feed people who have no other source of food supplies.

Church World Service emergency and rehabilitation programs must depend on CROP to provide the rice, through gifts collected in nation-wide community appeals.

CROP is asking volunteer workers, who will be campaigning for gifts in the next few months, to keep in mind these pressing and vital requests for aid, said Albert W. Farmer, national CROP director interviewed at the Elkart, Indiana headquarters. **Our efforts may be small, but anything we can do to prevent the debilitating effects of hunger and to help homeless people start life anew, is taking a giant step toward cutting the bonds of enslaving poverty in underdeveloped countries,** Mr. Farmer emphasized. Rice is desperately needed in East Pakistan, also, report both U. S. and overseas CWS personnel. In the Barisal district the cyclone and tidal wave this spring wrought 13,000 deaths and destroyed crops, homes, livestock, and washed away countless personal possessions. By the end of July, some 450,000 pounds of rice and wheat from CROP will reach the country.

We would like to use this food as payment to the people working on the repair of houses and schools and in reconstruction efforts in Barisal — a primary need at this time, says Elias A. Tamari, Church World Service representative in Dacca. **This can be done only if we can replace the rice and wheat enroute that is already planned for programs in other districts of East Pakistan where people also face acute hunger and suffer from poverty.**

Are You Willing?

By A. Johnnie Massey

In the Gospel of John 8:31-32 we find that a number of Jews had been made to believe in Jesus as he spoke to them. In these two verses he proclaimed that they would be his disciples if they continued in his word. Also, **if** they continued in his word they would know the truth and this truth would set them free. This little two letter word **if** implied action and seeking on the parts of the Jews if they were to become his disciples and know the truth.

If these Jews were to be his disciples they should have involved themselves in four things: **1. They should have listened to the words of Jesus. 2. They should have learned from the words and actions of Jesus. 3. They should have penetrated the truth in his words, by seeking their full meaning and the great impact that these words could have on other people. 4. They should have obeyed these words.** Would not these four sentences be true for us today if we are to be disciples of Christ?

By continuing in his word they would know the truth that would set them free. But what about this truth and freedom? The **if** implies a seeking or a searching for the reality, faithfulness, sincerity, and honesty of God. Also seeking a better knowledge and understanding of God through extensive reading, enjoyment of beautiful music and art, and through worship, all help us grow in learning the real facts about God.

We ask, **What will happen if we seek this truth?** An answer for this would be that this new found truth or this searching for truth would become our very nature and lead us from confused knowledge to a clear insight of the words of God and their meaning for our lives. It could lead us from a life of sin to one of love for God and for our fellowman. Also if we find this truth and accept and obey it we read that it will make us free.

Now we ask, **What are these freedoms that we will gain?** It would be helpful to put these newly gained liberties and responsibilities, that freedom always carries with it, into four groups. **The first would be freedom from fear.** The fears of life and the problems of life that many people without God and Jesus have will seem to disappear. We would gain confidence to stand up and meet the trials of each day because we would always know that God would be beside us. **The seond would be freedom from self.** Gone would be our feelings of self-centeredness, of feeling sorry for ourselves, or feeling inferior or superior to our fellowman; we would look to others that needed the same guidance and help that we had needed earlier. **There would be freedom from others.** Often we try to live our lives the way that other people would want us to. We try to please everyone and we soon find that this is impossible. We will be able to live our own life in the way that God would want us. **The fourth would be freedom from sin.** With new knowledge and understanding we would see the real values in life and not those things which promise fame and fortune that do not bring true happiness. We would live in an atmosphere of love for God and our fellowman.

We have now looked at the three opportunities offered us in these two verses of scripture; discipleship, truth, and freedom. All of these may be had through the removal of the word **if.** Though a small word it is one which requires much hard work and thought to be able to remove it and obtain these three goals. **Are you willing?**

New Play Collection
In Frontiers Of Faith

A fifth book of plays adapted from the NBC-TV series entitled **Frontiers of Faith** has just come off the presses. This collection of five also has an introductory chapter on the production and use of such resources. Suitable for adult and older groups, its subjects range widely. Listed below are the five available collections and their contents.

The Seeking Years (1959)
No Man Is An Island
A Thing Of Beauty
The Will To Win
Plenty of Rein
The Puzzle
The Faith Hawker
Armour of Light (1962)
On the Rocks
The Peddler
The Speaking Foot
The Wide Door
The Brass Ring (1965)
Headwaiters Know My Name
The Moon and I
"Look, Ma, I'm Different"
The Rainy Season
The Delinquent, the Hipster and the Square (1962)
The Delinquent
The Hipster
The Square
The Sandpile "Human Relations"
The Sandpile "God and Prayer"
The Sandpile "Death"
In the Presence of Death (1964)
Till Death Do Us Part
The End of the Story
The Journal of Vera Grey
Room for Death

Youth Ministry Conferences

Registrations for the two Youth Ministry Conferences should be sent to the two registrars right away. Local churches are invited to send a key senior high young person and adult youth workers to either of the weekend conferences.

The first Conference will be held at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds from August 20 until August 22. The second at Franklinton Center, Bricks, from August 27-29. The cost of the first will be $12.75. For the second, $11.50. Registration deadline is August 17. For the Blowing Rock Conference send your registrations to Rev. Terrell Shoffner, 2217 Grimes St., Charlotte, N. C. For Franklinton Center, send to Rev. Carroll Bartholomew, Rt. 1, Whitsett, N. C.

These conferences will provide guidance for the local church youth ministry. Ministers are welcome full or part time.

August 20-22 and 27-29

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September 12-19

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THE MORE THAN 100
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> O God, our Father, who art rich in mercy unto all that call upon Thee, and who hast never left Thyself without the witness of dedicated lives; we give Thee thanks that we have heard Thy call to devote our lives and gifts to the service of Thy kingdom. Make us glad to be numbered with those who serve Thee in the fellowship of Thy Son, and grant that we may have part with them in bringing to fulfillment Thy purpose of love for the world. Humbly we own that in ourselves there is neither power nor wisdom sufficient for the work Thou givest us to do; but our expectation and hope are toward Thee, in whom all wisdom and strength are found; and as we dedicate ourselves anew to Thee, we beseech Thee to accept us and to sanctify us by Thy grace, that our work, done in Thy name, may be acceptable in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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> **The Book of Common Order**
> of the Church of Scotland

Mission To An Urbanized Society

Philadelphia and Los Angeles

Today, in its great effort to meet the Christian needs of peoples caught in the cities and suburbs of America at mid-century, two real examples of opportunity for exceedingly relevant mission have become clear to the United Church of Christ.

In Los Angeles, the United Church of Christ has been invited to take part in a large and vital study of the long-term sociological goals of the people of that city. This study is one which could prove exceedingly helpful in defining the best goals for the future of not only Los Angeles but many another U. S. city caught in the same problems.

In Philadelphia, a new and experimental interdenominational mission known as the Philadelphia Metropolitan Associates seeks to give Christian witness and service to people caught in the midst of a secularized, industrialized, and urbanized society. The project calls for a staff of twenty-four persons. Eight of these will be ordained ministers who will work as regular employes of the city government, investigating and advising on the problems of urban renewal, fair housing, fair employment, and public education; another eight will be theologically-oriented laymen working as a team within the actual offices of secular business and industry; another eight will form a special squad of theologically-trained laymen concerned with specific crises developing within the community, such as strikes.

The needs of both the Philadelphia and the Los Angeles projects are examples of the goals of "Target Ahead." In these specific instances, the United Church of Christ seeks funds to:

- support two full-time laymen in the Philadelphia Metropolitan Associates, plus the expenses (excluding salaries) of two ordained ministers; and to support in Los Angeles a full-time staff researcher for four years.

"Communist Takeover"

Surprise Program At Haw River!

On Sunday afternoon the unsuspecting Haw River young people went to their regular P.F. meeting. The program was to be on integration involving a well-prepared debate. Or so it **was. . .**

As the first young people walked in they were met by three strange faces in strange clothing. One directed them to their seats and told each P.F.er to sit separately. If force was needed it was used. As the room filled up another of the three took over.

The punch line: **Communism had taken over and Church could be no more!**

The speaker continued to explain the details of a cleverly made and massive plan which had been designed to take control of the world. The disturbance of this meeting was a very small part of the large scale action to destroy the Church.

At first the young people laughed and doubted the validity of this "silly play". But the three strangers did not laugh but with deadly seriousness told them to stop. But they still did not believe it could happen to them!

Then the Reverend Mr. J. Rosser entered as usual. He too doubted. He ran out of the room . . . two of the strangers jumped him and beat him . . . and then the group believed . . . they laughed no more.

The speaker, resumed, furthering his explanation of the world changing event. An ambassador was dead, a president assassinated in two years and now the final move.

The minister asked for five minutes alone with the group just to discuss matters. The three communists agreed.

During the five minutes which followed the group made a plan of escape but what would happen to the church now?

Five minutes were up! But then the young people started asking questions and the communists were on the defensive. They slowly had forgotten themselves and began to think of the Church. Their minds were truely challenged for while they had to attack communism they had to defend Christianity. Finally to the relief of all, the minister revealed the true identity of the three strangers. They were John Massey-speaker, Noel Allen-forcer, and Larry Hall-silent partner. All three quite non-communists and very active in Church work.

The Reverend Mr. Rosser explained that he had been in on the planning of this program in order that the young people might be challenged. By being put on the defensive they would have to think deeply.

Afterward we all talked and became very good friends. If you as a reader have doubts I will tell you this: they did believe us. **What would you have done?** As one of the strangers I will say that the program indeed benefitted me greatly but as John said "I'm glad I was not on the receiving end!"

Reflecting I think of me sitting in that room as a fellow P.F.er instead of a stranger and listening to someone telling me that Communism had taken over, only it is not an act. They said to our question of "What is the Church" it is the people. If **we** are the **Church** then would we let it die?

Songs Of Many Nations

Young people attending camps and conferences at Moonelon Center make use of a song and hymnbook called SONGS OF MANY NATIONS. This is a multiple-purpose resource for use by youth fellowships in local churches. It contains 100 songs and hymn, spirituals and folk tunes. Old favorites like **Fairest Lord Jesus** and new ones such as **Hymn of the Christian Fellowship.** This booklet contains worship fun, recreation, fellowship and inspirational music.

Copies of this book may be purchased from the Southern Convention office, and picked up there, at a cost of 30c each or 25c in quantities of 2 or more. Mail orders will also be billed for postage. This is the twelfth edition, published by the Cooperative Recreation Service in 1962.

Money Is Not Enough

The June 20 issue of YOUTH magazine, our denominational bi-weekly for young people, is written around the theme of stewardship. It contains articles suitable for program discussions in evening fellowship groups, as well as cartoons and photographs of interest.

One article, in particular, is of special interest to us in the Southern Convention. Annie Boiteux, the French exchange student living with Liz Fairbank (former PF president) in Durham and one of the young people at this year's Senior High PF Planning and Training Conference at Moonelon Center, has written an article called **My Country.**

Copies of this issue, along with other resource suggestions, will be going out to local groups within the next several weeks.

P.F. Executive Board Meeting

The newly elected Southern Convention P.F. Officers plan to meet in Elon College, North Carolina on the week-end of August 7-8. The purpose is to set plans for the coming P.F. year. The officers are: Gerry Oxford —President, Ronnie White — Vice-President, Jayne Yates — Secretary, Wesley Snyder — Treasurer; Commission Chairmen: Pat Holland — action, Frankie Penny — faith, and Nancy Alexander — fellowship.

Conference P.F. Officers Retreat

Moonelon Center

September 25-26

ON THE EDGE

Guest Preachers At Temple

For the first three Sundays of August, **Captain Harold A. MacNeill,** Chaplain Corps, U. S. Navy, Senior Chaplain on duty at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, will lead Sunday morning worship at The Christian Temple in Norfolk. He is a native of New Brunswick, Canada, and a clergyman in the American Baptist Church.

On the last two Sundays of the month, **Captain John M. Danielson,** Chaplain Corps, U. S. Navy, Senior Chaplain at the U. S. Naval Station, Norfolk, will be the guest leader. Captain Danielson is a native of Florida and a member of the Southern Baptist Church.

On September 5, Dr. Alfred Warren Matthews, the new pastor for The Christian Temple, will preach his first sermon at the church.

Churchmen's Fellowship — Burlington District

The Churchmen's Fellowship of the Burlington District met at **Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Altamahaw** on July 22. The speaker for the gathering of about one hundred was Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Southern Convention Superintendent. His address was entitled **Has Christianity Failed?** The women of the host church graciously provided an ample picnic supper. The pastor of the host church is the Rev. Dolan Talbert.

Eastern Virginia Church School Convention

On July 20, at **Suffolk Bethlehem Church,** the 96th Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Church School Convention was held. The program for the evening included workshops in worship (led by **Rev. John Lackey**), missions (led by **Rev. Carroll Lewis**), teaching aids (led by **Mrs. Robert Bew**), and the outreach of the church school (led by **Rev. L. Bill Simmons**). Others sharing in the program were **Floyd W. Sawyer,** president; **Dr. R. E. Brittle,** host pastor; the young people of the host church; **W. H. Baker,** secretary; **Mills C. Luter,** treasurer; **Douglas W. McClain; Rev. Garland B. Bennett.**

The newly elected officers for the Church School Convention are: **B. G. Radcliff,** president; **Lester K. Mansfield,** vice president; **Ronald C. Hughes,** secretary; **Ellsworth O. Morris,** treasurer.

North Carolina Council of Churches Churchmen's Conference on Civil Rights

On September 21-22, at the Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh, the **North Carolina Statewide Churchmen's Conference on Civil Rights** will be held under the sponsorship of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Appearing on the program for this Conference will be such outstanding leaders as **Dr. Shelton Smith;** Dr. David S. Seeley; Dr. Rudolph Jones; Mr. David S. Coltrane; the Honorable Nicholas Katzenbach; **Dr. Robert W. Spike;** the Rev. John F. Cronin, S. S.; Rabbi Irwin Blank; Mr. John W. Wheeler, and others.

Further details will be sent out in brochures at a later date. Plan now on attending with a carload from your church.

Newport News Progress

The July 18 issue of **United Church News** from the First United Church of Christ at Newport News reports "all bonds sold!" for its building program. Now being erected is the new structure to be completed by mid-August. An Open House is being planned for the first Sunday the new sanctuary is occupied. On September 26, the Consecration and Installation Service will be held with Dr. Clyde L. Fields as speaker and several other ministers in the area sharing in the program. At 4:30 that same afternoon, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle will lead in a Cornerstone Laying Service. Dr. W. T. Scott will preach the morning sermon that day at the regular morning worship.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The best Christian Education is that of God-fearing and God-loving parents, who live by the faith all the week, and then on Sunday lead the child by the hand to the House of Worship. The measure of success in Christian Education when the child becomes a youth is: Does he love to come to church? And when he is grown does he accept a place of leadership in the church?

How we answer these questions shows what our devotion really was. This may not be true in every case, but generally it is. Bring the family to Church School and Church next Sunday.

/from the **Bayside UCC Newsletter**

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A check for $400 was presented to **St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Greensboro** by the members of **Peace United Church of Christ, Greensboro.** The money was the receipts of the 1965 Lenten folders.

The Population Explosion

Two major crises face the world at mid-twentieth century. The first of these is the threat of annihilation through nuclear warfare. The second, equally urgent though not so widely recognized, lies in the enormous rate at which the world's population is increasing — a rate never before experienced in history. As a result of the population explosion, it is predicted that many countries of Asia and the Middle East will within five years be threatened with catastrophic famine, and that many countries of Africa and Latin America will soon lie in similar danger.

Both church and government agencies are today at work on a broad-scale effort to improve agricultural yields in such countries in order to help close the gap between crop production and growing population. But even these programs cannot completely avert the impending famine. Only a program of birth control can actually meet the population-famine crisis realistically. The United Church of Christ was the first to give support to the interdenominational National Council of Churches Office of Planned Parenthood, and our denomination has already sponsored clinics for this purpose in Puerto Rico and in Hong Kong, as well as in other areas of the world. As one important goal of "Target Ahead," the United Church today:

- seeks financial support for further specific programs of planned parenthood to avert impending continent-wide famine in Asia, in Latin America, and in Africa.

A Recent Letter

With The Riggs In India

Dear Friends,

Once again the seasons have rolled around — too far! — and we are again late with our letter to you. This is the season of weddings and temple festivals, the time of the year when agricultural work is at a minimum and the people are free to go traveling and visiting and get some relief from the monotony of their daily lives.

The more devout among the temple pilgrims have much to be thankful to God for during the past few months. After the local failure of the rains last fall, followed by the cyclone, we have had a series of unseasonal rains right up to the present time, so that the countryside has stayed green, the drinking water ponds full, and the more enterprising farmers have been able to raise out-of-season crops to augment their income.

For us it has been a challenging season of opportunities that demand to be taken advantage of. Patients come flocking to the hospital and the roadside clinics in greater number than ever. The jeep's running well, and we have been fairly lucky with passable roads despite the extra rains. For improving the quality of the leprosy work to control the disease in the villages, we now have four para-medical workers, two of them trained. They tour their assigned villages constantly by cycle, contacting lapsed patients, examining the relatives of patients and whole populations, village by village, to pick up new cases and get them under treatment. They also carry on constant propaganda and educational work for leprosy and public health in general. Their job is the hardest of all in the hospital, and the fruit of their labors, if they do their work right, will be the most rewarding.

In planning for the future of the medical work here we have decided that our immediate goal should be to get the hospital running so that it can carry on without us, not only releasing us for furlough which is due in two years but also freeing us to start new medical work in some needy area. The most serious obstacle to making the hospital run on its own is the problem of finding and attracting qualified staff We would need another doctor to replace me in my medical work, a driver for the jeep, and a reliable accountant and business manager to take the load of administration off the doctors.

Our hardest problem is the administrative one. We had a very capable accountant, who was slated for promotion to treasurer, but he suddenly left us at the end of February. We found another whom we tried to break in, but he didn't work out at all. We are now back where we were nearly two years ago and I am spending all my spare time typing and doing accounts, a sort of job I can't possibly expect the other doctors to take over. So we are still far from our goal of having the hospital in shape to get along without us. But we are still hoping.

I was reading the other day an analysis of various kinds of American foreign aid in the medical field. The report said that Christian medical missions, still the biggest in scope of all the list, could be criticized for their relative neglect of the job of training native personnel to take over from the Americans. But it went on, in addition to the well-known strong point of the mission program's extra concern for the individual, to the fact that the missionary was there for years or for life and the mission program was a long-term one, not just a two- or five-year fly-by-night sort of thing as are so many of the government and secular voluntary programs. These other shorter programs have their usefulness, of course. But there are certain things that you simply can't solve overnight, and I believe that leprosy is one of them, and TB another. Both for the treatment of the individual sufferer and for the control of the disease from the public health viewpoint, plenty of time is necessary. (Incidentally it also takes time to build character in an individual and to help a community or social group develop and rebuild itself.)

To all of you who agree with us that this long sustained effort is necessary and show it by your long-continued support through prayers, letters, and gifts, we send our special thanks.

Cordially,

ED RIGGS

Editor's Note: Dr. and Mrs. Edward C. Riggs were sent in 1946 for medical work in a remote corner of China. When forced to leave China in 1950, they were reassigned to service in South India. Since 1952 they have been stationed at the small Church of South India Hospital in the village of Kilamjunai. Their emphasis is on rural (village-based) and preventive medicine work, with special attention to leprosy. Both Dr. and Mrs. Riggs are fourth-generation missionaries. The Riggs' have four children: Louis (16), Joy (14), Martha (11), and Mary (5).

> Faith is the name for what happens in a man when he responds to God's revelation — when he allows Jesus the Christ to be Lord. It is the name for what happens in a man when the new being begins to be his being. Faith is the name for what happens in a man when God dwells in him.
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> Paul F. Mehl
> **Creeds As A Compass For Trusting**
> United Church Curriculum Adult II-2R

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Idol of Godliness

One's religion is a personal matter. Perhaps the last bulwark against change and insecurity amidst revolutionary and soul-jolting days. The place in our mental file to which we turn when we discover old values being threatened by new knowledge or the former status quo overturned by man's growth in his inter-relationships with man.

This makes us extremely reluctant to re-think the implications of our religion. When such re-thinking is suggested the protest usually arises, "God is God, His commandments are unchanging, so there is no need for this re-thinking!" The same thing happens frequently when thinking goes beyond a certain depth, when our shallow perspectives are penetrated by some of the troublesome insights beneath the surface of our own attitudes and the revelations of God as they have been transmitted to us.

It is never quite certain whether this defensiveness is pretension or genuine as it confuses our religion with God's revelation. Religion is the response of man toward God's revelation. The re-thinking is directed at this, our response, not at the quality of the revelation. It is thus not the revelation which is threatened, though this is the point of view from which we oppose the re-thinking which needs to be done regularly; it is our own comfortable, vague, codified, and personally-oriented responses which come in for valuation.

Here is what makes religion so personal in the first place. Here is why we prefer leaving it alone. For to discover our response to God's revelation in Jesus and history to be inadequate or hypocritical or misdirected or distorted is to shatter our conviction that our response (our religion) is itself the revelation of God. It is not. It is our weak attempt to respond to what God has shown. When we find this out and accept it, our honesty in using religion to justify our social prejudices will be brought into self-judgment. And who wishes to be one's own judge? We know ourselves too well as it is.

The misconception which enables us to use our religion as though it were God's pen writing the yeas and nays of life is like the religion of the Hebrew leaders during the time of our Lord. As was true then, God still commands in opposition to what man's responses to Him in religion have been. The immobility of the church in a rapidly-developing culture would be partially overcome if religion were allowed to grow --- if man would make his religion a growing response to God, and not an idol symbolizing man's godliness.

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The First Meeting Of The Southern Conference Of The United Church Of Christ, Inc.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Pastors
Church Secretaries

Dear Friends:

The first meeting of the **Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc.,** will be held in **Whitley Auditorium** on the campus of **Elon College,** Elon College, North Carolina, **September 30, 1965.** This will be a one day session with **registration at 9:00 a. m.** and adjournment at 5:00 p. m.

Please elect delegates from your church as follows:

1. Each church shall elect one lay delegate.
2. Churches with a membership of more than 300 shall elect an additional delegate for each 300 members or major fraction thereof. That is, a church with 451-600 members would have 2 lay delegates; a church of 751-900 members would have 3 lay delegates; a church of 1051-1200 members would have 4 lay delegates.
3. All ordained ministers holding standing in the Southern Synod, Convention of the South, and the Southern Convention within the boundaries of the Southern Conference, that is the area of North Carolina and the southern half of Virginia, would be voting delegates.

Insofar as possible, pre-registration of voting delegates will be done and all delegates would be properly certified. Registration information and a program for the meeting on September 30 will be sent each church in a subsequent mailing.

Please make this information known and elect your delegate or delegates as soon as possible. The first meeting of the Southern Conference should have a full quota of delegates present.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Banks J. Peeler
The Southern Synod

Rev. J. Taylor Stanley
The Convention of the South

Dr. Clyde L. Fields
The Southern Convention

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?
/KJ

For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?
/RSV

For what is the use of a man gaining the whole world if he loses or forfeits his own soul?
/Phillips

When an individual spends his life seeing to it that his world revolves around him, he ceases to be himself. In growing self-centeredness, the individual must become smaller and smaller to accommodate the plethora of worldly gains he draws in upon himself to satisfy his increasing self-needs. And if one becomes small enough, he is lost amidst the very worldliness he espoused.

It becomes necessary to decide, whether by will to do so or refusal to, how the world fits into the picture of life. It may be the total picture within which an individual exists. It may be one aspect of the total along with God and man. And for some, the world has no meaning at all. They try to ignore it as much as possible.

The Christian viewpoint sees all of life as the realm for responding to God. In such response the individual truly can find himself; in seeking to include God in his picture of life, the Christian is enabled to find himself as he really is — a child of God with a task in the world. And the task is one which includes response to the love of God by witnessing to Him in order that others might find Him and include Him in their pictures of life.

THE CHURCH — AN INSTRUMENT —

Our Urbanization Emphasis

The basic theological assumption underlying the Urbanization Emphasis has been that God so loved the world that He sent His son. **The church is the instrument of His love, not primarily the object.** While the problems in each Conference area as a result of the triple revolution (cybernation, weaponry and rising expectations) emerge in slightly different forms one can observe the existence of certain common results of the urbanization process. Whether in rural, urban or suburban areas the following problems emerge which vitally affect God's people and therefore concern the Conferences of the United Church of Christ: Public Education (inferior quality, over-crowding, adjustment to integration); Unemployment (the necessity for training and retraining the plight of migrants, subtle and rampant discrimination); Housing (the inadequacies of public housing, urban renewal resulting in new slums, lack of code enforcement, rehabilitation of marginal housing, rural slums); and the need to strengthen congregations to low income communities and to assist stable congregations to face changing neighborhoods. Every area faces problems of poverty, race, the population explosion; poor mass transportation; the effects of the mass media; changing values in a tangled culture. In the work world there is growing specialization and automation; the separation of a man's work from his residence; the emerging world of leisure as an area of ministry. In all this is the need for training and retraining of both clergy and laity.

—**Facts**, 1965 Edition

Harvest Season

Many of us are busy this time of the year gathering in the harvest of the summer. Tobacco is being primed; beans, tomatoes and corn are being canned and frozen. We are making preparations for the winter.

Have you ever thought that our physical preparations closely parallel our spiritual preparations? We live out our lives during the spring and summer. It is during the harvest season that we reap what we have sown.

We have had a good growing season of our crops. Our harvest will be bountiful. What kind of season has your soul had? Has it been watered and cultivated? Have you given it every opportunity to grow? Do you allow the Church to aid you in that growth? Remember, we will eventually arrive at the "Harvest Season" for our souls. That "Harvest" will depend upon the preparation that we make NOW!

—**Belews Creek Newsletter**

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FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

Has God Left The City?

I have just returned from a trip to New York and the World's Fair. Here are some rambling thoughts:

The World's Fair

The World's Fair is filled with contrast. It was commercial and educational, historical and prophetic, crowds of people and a child's cry, the Mormon Temple and the Billy Graham pavilion, the little Vatican and the Protestant Church Pavilion.

In the midst of a secular setting, God was present. Foot-tired and eye weary from viewing the world of tomorrow, we sat down in the Billy Graham pavilion, heard the gospel preached with an invitation for discipleship.

Beset on every hand by Walt Disney creations, we moved to the Protestant Church Center and saw evidences of God's church at work. Lost in a throng of weary people, we engaged in conversation with a little boy and heard a child cry for his mother. God was not far away from Flushing Meadows.

New York City

New York City is full of contrasts and contradictions. Here we saw Park Avenue, Harlem, Fifth Avenue, the Bowery, Noisy Broadway, and worshipped in Riverside Church. On the same street, we saw a drunk man and went into a revival service at Calvary Baptist Church. God has not left the city. Indeed, He is much present and needed.

Our hearts were lifted up in a service of worship at Riverside Church in company with 3,000 worshippers. The choir was magnificent, the organ was tremendous, and the sermon was a timeless gospel presentation by Dr. Robert McCracken. Dr. McCracken's subject was, **Holding Fast the Faith.** We were reminded that we must have a faith before we can hold it or transmit it. Faith and the gospel are not general terms, but specific terms. We were reminded that each of us must have a personal faith in Christ. Without faith in Christ we lose our perspective about God and man. When faith in God turns to cynicism, our appreciation for man becomes cynical also. God was present in Riverside Church (a member of the United Church of Christ).

We were distressed to learn that Dr. McCracken has been in ill health for many months with a heart condition and Mrs. McCracken has suffered from a major paralysis that makes her an invalid.

Riverside Church and the Inter-Church Center (where our Board of World Ministries has its office) are located on Riverside Drive not far from some of the worst slums of New York City.

How symbolic! God has not left the city!

Clyde L. Fields

Breakthrough Visitations

Below, listed according to the 1965 YEARBOOK number, are the churches in the Eastern North Carolina, Western North Carolina, and North Carolina and Virginia Conferences which have acted to participate in BREAKTHROUGH this fall. The date following each church's name indicates the time for the team of visitors to spend two hours with the key leaders of the church in a discussion and presentation on the needs and potentialities of Our Christian World Mission.

1. Albemarle 9/13 7:30
3. Asheboro 9/12 7:30
7. Asheboro, Spoon's Chapel 9/14 7:30
10. Belew Creek 9/12 3:00
11. Biscoe, Flint Hill (M) 9/19 7:30
12. Brown Summit, Monticello 9/16 7:30
13. Burlington, Bethel 9/12 3:00
14. Burlington, Beverly Hills 9/19 7:00
15. Burlington, Carolina 9/16 7:30
17. Burlington, First 9/14 7:30
19. Burlington, Lakeview 9/19 3:00
20. Burlington, Long's Chapel 9/16 7:30
21. Burlington, Union Ridge 9/14 7:30
22. Burlington, Zion 9/19 3:00
23. Chapel Hill, Damascus 9/12 3:00
25. Chapel Hill United 9/15 7:30
26. Clayton, Amelia 9/15 7:30
27. Durham 9/12 3:00
28. Elon College, Berea 9/12 7:00
29. Elon College, Community 9/12 7:00
30. Elon College, Concord 9/12 7:00
31. Elon College, Shallow Ford 9/15 7:30
34. Franklinton, Pope's Chapel 9/12 3:00
37. Graham, Providence 9/12 7:30
38. Greensboro, Congregational 9/14 7:30
39. Greensboro, Palm Street 9/15 7:30
40. Greensboro, St. Peters 9/19 3:00
41. Guilford Col., Pleasant Ridge 9/14 7:30
42. Haw River 9/19 7:00
43. Henderson, First 9/12 7:30
44. Henderson, Fuller's Chapel 9/15 7:30
46. Hendersonville, First 9/12 3:00
49. Liberty 9/16 7:30
50. Liberty, Pleasant Hill 9/12 7:30
51. Liberty, Smithwood 9/15 7:30
54. Louisburg, Mt. Gilead 9/15 7:30
55. Louisburg, New Hope 9/19 3:00
56. Manson, Mt. Auburn 9/16 7:30
57. McLeansville, Hines Chapel 9/12 7:00
60. Morrisville 9/16 7:30
63. Pittsboro, Hanks Chapel 9/13 7:30
64. Raleigh, Plymouth 9/16 7:30
65. Raleigh, United 9/15 8:00
66. Ramseur, Pleasant Ridge 9/14 7:30
67. Randleman, First 9/13 7:30
68. Reidsville, First 9/14 7:30
71. Sanford, First 9/16 7:30
73. Sanford, Northview 9/19 7:30
74. Sanford, Shallow Well 9/12 7:30
75. Sanford, Turner's Chapel 9/14 7:30
—. Siler City, 9/15 7:30
78. Semora, Lebanon 9/19 7:00
79. Sophia 9/15 7:30
81. Southern Pines 9/14 7:30
85. Tryon, Congregational 9/12 7:00
86. Varina, Wake Chapel 9/12 7:30
88. Walnut Cove, Salem Chapel 9/12 7:00
89. Winston Salem, Parkway 9/12 3:00
91. Youngsville, Good Hope 9/12 7:30
92. Youngsville, Oak Level 9/19 7:30
118. Lynchburg 9/19 3:00
119. Nathalie, Liberty 9/12 3:00
120. Nelson, Hebron 9/19 7:30
136. South Boston, Center 9/16 7:30
145. Vernon Hill, Ingram 9/14 7:30
146. Virgilina, Union 9/19 7:30
165. Pittsboro, Antioch (C) 9/14 7:30
168. Ramseur 9/15 7:30
169. Robbins, Brown's Chapel 9/19 7:30
170. Robbins, Providence Chapel 9/19 7:30
175. Vass, Mt. Pleasant 9/19 7:30
176. Sanford, Zion 9/19 7:30
203. Seagrove, New Center 9/19 7:30

As A Mustard Seed . . .

By A. JOHNNIE MASSEY

In the Gospel of Luke 17:20-21 we find the Pharisees talking to Jesus about the kingdom of God. They wanted to know when the kingdom would come. Jesus replied that it would not come at a certain time and place but that it would come to each of them and be in them at different times. In other places we are able to see a conflict in the views of the Pharisees and those of Jesus regarding the kingdom of God and its coming. We ask, **What is the difference?**

After the reign of King David, the Jews expected a ruler to come who would be greater than David. This ruler would bring Israel together again and he would rule over it. This leader would overthrow the Roman government and bring the people under his rule. This ruler, sent by God would rule in peace and the Jewish people would again be God's chosen people and would faithfully serve him.

Many people believed that one day the Lord would establish a kingdom on earth. They believed that on that day the Lord would bring his physical kingdom, with God as the ruler, from someplace **out there** in the heavens and establish it in the midst of those still living. They believed that only those who had died were in the kingdom and that the living could only look forward to their reward for being good on this earth.

But this was not the kingdom of God that Jesus was proclaiming. Jesus said that we would not be able to see the kingdom and to say, **Here it is or there it is.** The kingdom would not be a physical place out there to which to go when a person died, but it would be within us. Jesus told the Pharisees that the kingdom was in the midst of them. He proclaimed a kingdom on earth as well as in heaven.

We find John the Baptist coming out of the wilderness proclaiming that the kingdom of God is at hand. He saw in Jesus of Nazareth the door that is forever open to those seeking to enter the kingdom of God. Through Christ God revealed the kingdom to all men.

The word kingdom implies a king or ruler. God is the ruler of his kingdom. To be in the kingdom of God, we must recognize that God is king and we must seek to learn, understand, and obey his laws. Jesus has revealed this kingdom by his love, charity, kindness, hope, and suffering for all men.

We may compare the kingdom in us with the mustard seed. Although very small in the beginning, it soon grows when it receives the water of life, the love of God. The seed grows large enough so that birds make their nests in its branches. The kingdom in us also grows and people find in us help and understanding as they seek the kingdom.

During the life of Jesus we find that some had already entered the kingdom of God and that more were near it. To become a part of God's kingdom means fulltime commitment of our lives to the work and the will of God. This means that the type of work that we do and the type of life we live should be directed toward leading others to God and his kingdom. Many have accepted the invitation and have entered the kingdom, and many have turned their backs on God and sought worldly pleasures. **The choice is yours.**

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Love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction.

—Antoine de St. Exupery
Wind, Sand and Stars

ON THE GENERAL SYNOD

A Delegate Speaks To His Church

The trip to Chicago the first week in July proved to be very interesting and worthwhile. Most of you know that I was a delegate to the General Synod Meeting which was held in the Palmer House there in the "windy city."

To understand the makeup, nature and workings of a meeting like this, one really needs to be present. Even then, it is impossible to take in and absorb all that is taking place.

First, I would like to say that I renewed many old acquaintances from all over this great United States. I remember seeing old friends from Florida, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Alabama, the New England states and many other areas.

When one comes to a meeting like the Synod, there are people from all over the United States. Ideas and opinions are wide and varied — from one extreme to the other. Each person, no matter what his conviction might be, is firmly convinced that he is right in his convictions. Living in the kind of socety which we enjoy in this country, he is entitled to his convictions. We may not agree with him, but he has the right to think what he believes to be right. And so I am entitled to my right — to believe and think my way.

We must understand the General Synod in session does not speak for the churches. It may speak **to the churches**, but not for the churches. The General Synod may suggest ways and methods and techniques to the local church, but it **cannot** impose its will upon any church anywhere at any time.

We who make up the membership of the local church have no reason to fret or worry at any point; why? Because we are a free congregation. No one, anywhere, can impose their will or way or desire upon us. The recommendations that may come down to us from Synod or Conference may be adopted by our local church or they may be rejected. There is absolutely no one anywhere outside our congregation that can tell us what we have to do here in our church. So, why should we worry!

If the church at "Possum Holler" votes to use the Sears, Roebuck catalogue for Sunday School literature, this is their freedom. There is no one outside of the congregation that can prevent them from doing it.

But along with our freedom, there must be responsibility. We are responsible to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Whereever there are people without the gospel, wherever there are people with need, wherever there is sin, greed, injustice, strife, hatred — there we have a responsibility to fulfill the MISSION of the Church of Jesus Christ. We belong to Christ and we dare do no less than to follow where he leads us to minister for him. Let us, in our freedom here, feel our responsibility to God.

—Rev. Lowell A. Smoot
The Informer, Sanford

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Religiously Speaking

Religion: from **re,** to do again; and **ligio,** having to do with ligaments and flexibility. Thus, to bend again.

Fellowship: from Old English, **feel low,** meaning to be aware of one's sinfulness; and **ship,** having to do with a craft. Thus, a bunch of crafty sinners.

Preacher: from Latin **pre,** meaning to go before; and **acher,** one who is responsible for pain. Thus, someone who stands before others and causes pain. (Alternate: one who painfully stands before others.)

Looking Ahead In H & W Services

In the history of **Our Christian World Mission,** no finer chapter has been written than in our care for the sick, the aged, and the physically and mentally handicapped. In fact, it is only through the church's leadership that many new and important services to peoples thus afflicted have become a reality. It was, for example, the churches which, together with other private agencies, first developed modern concepts of foster family homes in addition to institutional homes; so, too, it has been through the churches that modern concepts of adoption agencies for children, of care for unwed mothers, and of family counseling have come into being.

In our changing world today, even newer plans are taking shape in the field of health and welfare. Among these plans are home-making services to the aged, old-age pensions, aid to dependent children, and other programs, many of them directly related to federal, state, and local governments. To those concerned with such programs, locally as well as nationally, it must be clear that it will be to the advantage of our entire denomination, from individual church to national instrumentality, that each and every health and welfare agency of the church must keep abreast of new developments, in order that the most effective services may be rendered; and thus it is that, as an important goal of **Target Ahead,** a wide extension of present health and welfare information be accomplished through our national instrumentalities.

Health & Welfare Needs

Through the past three decades the gigantic proportions of our nation's health and welfare problems have far exceeded the aid given by private philanthropy, and thus the government has stepped further and further into a field of need in which the church once stood almost alone.

The true value of the church's work has frequently lain in its willingness to experiment — and so to lead the government and other agencies toward the meeting of previously unrecognized needs. Today, several areas of such needs have become urgently clear:

- There is need for day-care centers to help nine million mothers who must leave their pre-school children at home alone or with neighbors when they go to work.
- There is urgent need for day-care centers for mentally-retarded adults and children, of whom there are five and one-half million in our country.
- There is need for homemaker services for infirm and aged people who must — or who choose to — remain in their own homes instead of moving to institutions.

It is for the express purpose of beginning "pilot projects" that will lead the government toward responsible work in these particular areas of need that, as a part of "Target Ahead," the United Church of Christ seeks the necessary funds.

MINISTRY TO THE AFFLICTED

Health & Welfare

Our sometimes harsh, always explosive and restless world has brought into sharp visibility the traumas and the deprivation that relentlessly haunt our generation. It has become common knowledge that 5.4 million persons in our country are mentally retarded, that nearly 400,000 children under the age of 12 have no daytime or after school supervision, that 13 per cent of our children are condemned to grow up in broken homes, that a fifth of our population is trapped in the grinding jaws of poverty, that a half million youngsters will be tried on major delinquency petitions this year, and that 530,000 patients who crowd our mental hospitals are receiving only minimal care.

Confronted by this totality of man's suffering, the efforts of any segment of our population, public or private, seems small indeed. But there is reason to be encouraged by the evidence of concern that exists in the United Church of Christ.

Seventy-five residential agencies have voluntarily banded themselves together in the Council for Health and Welfare Services. The nearly 450,000 persons aided by these programs each year reflect dramatically the increasing importance assumed by the Church in the alleviation of pain and distress. By engaging in this ministry, the Church helps to maintain the creative tension between public and private welfare which is universally endorsed as an essential component in our social structure.

One such institution is Fairview Park Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, which is a part of the Council for Health and Welfare Services. Last year the hospital employed 803 individuals to serve the needs of 16,386 regular patients and 64,303 out-patient and other patients. This 327 bed-capacity institution was founded in 1892 and not only cares for those in need of its services but trains additional medical personnel (112 student nurses in 1964). Such institutions are one aspect of Our Christian World Mission.

SUPPORT HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICES BY REGULARLY GIVING TO OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Miss Lucy M. Eldredge Visits Elon College

Miss Lucy M. Eldredge of New York City, was a distinguished visitor on the College campus recently. She was for many years a national secretary of Christian Education in the Congregational Christian Churches. More recently and prior to her retirement, she served as director and editor of the young people's department of the Commission on Missionary Education of the Friendship Press. Recently she also served as ad interim editor of **Church Woman** published by the National Council of Churches.

Miss Eldredge spent considerable time in the Church History Room at the College in preparing a paper for an educational consultation to be held by the Division of Christian Education of the United Church of Christ in early September. She is to present at that consultation a paper on "Educational Objectives and Achievements of the Christian Church 1794-1931." This consultation celebrates the 150th anniversary of the organization of 1815 of "The Congregational Society for Educating Pious Youth for the Gospel Ministry." This Society later became The Congregational Educational Society, the first educational society of the four churches making up the United Church of Christ.

Elon College proudly hails Miss Eldredge as a distinguished alumna, she having graduated from the College in the class of 1921. In 1960 the College conferred upon her the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters. Her first service in Christian Education was as Field Secretary for Christian Education in the Southern Convention, in the 1920's. She is the daughter of the late Mr. Herman Eldredge, who from 1910 until his death in 1935, served in many capacities the Christian Church and after the merger in 1931, the Congregational Christian Churches. He was primarily interested in and served the youth of the Church. He was a man of great talents, personal charm, and Christian dedication.

Economics Major Added To Curriculum

In keeping with the liberal arts tradition at Elon College, President J. E. Danieley has announced that a full major in economics will be possible, starting this September. This major is the culmination of a three year study and planning program. With the addition to the curriculum of advanced courses in economic theory, cycles, development of economic thought, statistics, government and business, the requirements for the new major were completed. Several of these courses will be taught on the seminar basis with the individual students presenting papers on assigned research problems.

The requirements for the Business Administration major have also been re-studied and revised. As well, a major specifically in Accounting is now to be available. This latter has been developed to meet the needs of industry and government for more students trained in Accounting.

With the development of these new majors, the Department of Business Administration and Economics has also been realigned. Mrs. Jeanne F. Williams, professor of statistics, who presently heads the department, will continue with the department including Business Administration, Accounting, and Business Education. Professor Ralph V. Anderson will be in charge of the Economics Department.

The expansion of the department has necessitated the addition of several faculty members. Allen B. Sanders, Captain, U. S. Navy (Ret.), will be joining the Elon faculty in September and will be teaching Accounting and Economics. Mr. Sanders has a B. S. degree in Business Administration from West Virginia University and M.B.A. degree from George Washington University.

Mrs. Janie Council, presently teaching Shorthand and Accounting, will be teaching additional sections of Accounting. She will also teach the new advanced course in teaching methods for students preparing to be teachers of Business Education.

Mrs. Tessie Z. Taylor, who previously taught in Business Education, will be returning to the Elon faculty in a part-time capacity and will be teaching Shorthand.

Much new equipment has been added to the facilities of the department with the latest addition being a complete set of specially designed desks and chairs for the Accounting Laboratory. This laboratory contains calculators and adding machines sufficient for the entire individual membership of a class. In recent years, the typewriting and shorthand classrooms were completely refurnished with new equipment being added.

Summer Commencement — August 22

Approximately 60 seniors will receive their diplomas at the Elon College Summer Commencement scheduled for Sunday, August 22. The baccalaureate sermon will be given by Dr. D. J. Bowden, Elon College faculty member from 1935 to 1953. The service will be held in the Elon College Community Church at 11:00 a. m., with graduation exercises being held in Whitley Memorial Auditorium on the College campus at 2:30 p. m.

Dr. Bowden endeared himself to students and faculty members during his tenure at Elon, and he will be heartily welcomed "back home." He is a native of Norfolk, Virginia, and a graduate of V.P.I., and receiving his B. D. degree and the Ph.D. degree from Yale University. Dr. Bowden served as Professor of Philosophy and Religion, and also as Dean of Men at Elon. He left Elon in 1953 to become Administrative Director of the Indiana School of Religion, Bloomington, Indiana, which school is affiliated with the University of Indiana. He is currently serving as Director of Scholarship and Financial Aids of the University of Indiana, where he is also lecturer in History and Christian Thought.

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Work is progressing on the installation of new steam pipes in the Elon College heating system on the College campus. This new system will be completed in time for the Fall semester.

A Prayer For Growth

O God, help me to rise above the temptations of the moment and to see the bigger purpose which the present often hides.

I want to be grown-up, but I'm still growing. I want to do what's right, but I'm not yet sure. I want to be accepted for what I am, but who am I? I need to know so much more before the fullness of life is mine. Is not school my time for getting ready? O God, help me to make the most of it.

From the daily routine at school, help me to find a pattern of life.

From my mixing with all types of people, help me to grow in understanding myself and human nature.

From hours of study and lecture, help me to learn the discipline of creative listening and informed thinking in my endless search for truth.

From men of ages past, help me to grasp a concept of humanity that will shape my perspective for facing the future.

From the maze of activities and assignments, help me to sift right from wrong and gain confidence in the right.

From the fast pace of today's living, help me to equip myself to meet the challenge of change, to find security in that which does not change, and to avoid being blindly swept along with the crowd.

From my "teachers" at home, at school, at church, and in the community, help me to firm a foundation for a life fitting to be called Christian.

—**Youth Magazine**
March 14, 1965

For W. N. C. Young People

Church Vocations Study

Western North Carolina Conference young people planning to enter a full-time, church-related vocation, licentiates and ordained ministers were invited to spend a day of **study and consultation** with the Committee on the Ministry, Thursday, July 29. Those present at the First Congregational Christian Church, High Point, were: Avery Brown, Jimmy Caviness, Bill Everhart, Homer Frye, Jimmy Norred, L. M. Presnell, Randall Pugh, Bill Traylor, Noel Vandergrift, and the host and committee chairman, F. C. Lester.

Following a devotional led by the chairman, the morning was spent in sharing reasons why those present had entered the ministry and what they hope to do as ministers. A report on the Fifth General Synod was made by the Conference president, Mr. Brown. The group were guests of the Lesters for lunch, which was followed by a visit to the **Council for Lay Life and Work** office.

During the afternoon, the men divided into three groups to study different phases of the **Manual of the United Church of Christ** — "In Care of Conference," "Licentiates," and "Ordained Ministers." Reports from the three groups were followed by a general discussion. The meeting closed following a presentation by Bill Everhart on the purpose, preparation and theology for preaching.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

Resources For Understanding The Youth Ministry

Many fine resources are available for leaders in the local churches' ministry to youth to acquaint them more fully with the Youth Ministry concept as it has been developing in the United Church of Christ. The following are among the best:

The Plan For The Youth Ministry (HM-CE-0663b-10M)
. . . single copies free and 5c each in quantity from CDS
The Youth Ministry—Questions & Answers (HM-CE-0963-10M)
. . . free in any quantity from CDS
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SCHOOL: JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Well, believe it or not there are just two or three short weeks left before the opening of school. Many of us will be back for another year of high school. A lot will be in college for the first time.

Why go to school? Are you going because the law says you have to or your parents say you must? So you think or say you think you want to be educated! Well, so what! Jesus never was reported to have gone to high school or college. Many great leaders have had very little in the way of education. But, it seems they taught themselves!

In school we get the feeling we are being taught so we may become tired of the old grind. If we put the extra effort in, however, it is no longer a one way road to knowledge.

As Christians, should not our responsibility be to seek to improve ourselves to the most?

Lynchburg Native & Elon Grad

With The Tolley's In Ghana

The Reverend and Mrs. William Tolley
Box 29
Peki Blengo, Ghana

Dear Friends:

The Tolleys are once again on African soil! Not in suffering, oppressed Angola, but in bustling, proud, independent Ghana. The differences between the countries are great and readily apparent, even after a short time, and so we find ourselves constantly comparing one thing and another.

One of the first things we noticed was that there seem to be more Africans here. A strange statement, to be sure, but understandable when you remember that Angola has many Portuguese residents. And where one there would see white faces, in Ghana we find Africans driving taxis, clerking in stores, frequenting banks and shops, serving as lawmakers and working as plumbers and electricians. This is a land of, for and by Ghanaian Africans and in spite of the effects of its "growing pains," we find it exciting and stimulating.

The Ghanaians are unquestionably better off economically than the Angolans. This is very apparent in Accra, the capitol, but even in the farming area around Peki one sees a standard of living far higher than that in Angola. There, a man with a motor bike was very wealthy indeed. Here it is not at all uncommon to see Ghanaian families riding in their own cars. And how fine it is to see obviously well-educated and well-to-do men and women everywhere wearing the traditional Ghanaian clothing.

Peki is situated in a long valley, not too far from the new dam site that is under construction on the Volta River. Bill's job is teaching in the seminary here. The seminary trains catechists, who are the teachers and spiritual advisors and leaders in the villages where there are no pastors. A pastor's work is more like that of a superintendent. A few of the Peki graduates go to Trinity Seminary in Accra where they get further training and usually are ordained. We also train a few pastors from time to time.

Nancy is teaching school again. She is using the Calvert Course for the second grade with David. He missed nearly two months during our trip and while waiting for the materials to arrive. He seems quite glad to get back to something constructive again. In September she will begin teaching Luis the first grade. David will go to Accra to attend the International School. He will live in the children's hostel with some 15 other children of missionaries, and is most eagerly awaiting the day.

Fresh foods are very scarce here, unlike Angola. We can get some fruits, and meat is available twice a week. The rest is bought mostly in Accra during rather strenuous shopping trips every few weeks. Accra is two hours away. Ghana trades with many countries which are avoided by the United States. So it was very interesting to note the sources of my purchases last month. Stacked on our shelves are the following: **Poland,** canned salmon; **Peoples Republic of China,** canned luncheon meat (packed by a company called "China National Cereals, Oils and Foodstuffs Import and Export Corporation"!), and a chocolate milk mix — "It is especially good for neurastheria and over exertion of the brain."; **Bulgaria,** canned tomatoes; **Hungary**, sour cherries; **Yugoslavia,** canned corned beef. Also represented are **Australia, Israel, Cyprus, Denmark, Holland**, **Scotland, Switzerland, Japan, Italy** and **Germany.** The bags of cement for our back steps came from **Russia,** and Paul is playing in a yard fenced-in with chicken wire from **Czechoslovakia.** The only thing we have from the **United States** is some allspice and a can of kidney beans!

Sincerely yours,
The Tolleys:
Bill, Louis, Nancy, Lisa, David, Paul

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The August 24 Leadership Training School to be held in Greensboro was incorrectly placed at the Congregational United Church of Christ in the announcement given in the preceding issue. It will be at Peace United Church of Christ.

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Rev. John D. Schofield, pastor of the **Palm Street United Church of Christ in Greensboro,** spent two weeks recently on board the U.S.S. Enterprise for his annual two weeks of active duty for training. During his absence, the Sunday morning worship services were led by the men and women of the church.

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When love impels us to act in a certain way, we are not moved by a sense of duty, but — to use Schiller's ironical phrase — "unfortunately by inclination."

—**Divine Imperative,** Brunner

New Youth Page Editor

PLEASE NOTE

Ronnie White, newly elected Vice-President of the Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship, will be taking over the reins of the Youth Editor with the first issue in September.

It is asked that all youth group reporters support Ronnie with news of any of their activities.

Ronnie White
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IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Benjamin F. Vandegrift, age 77, Springville, Alabama. Funeral services were held in the Roebuck Funeral Chapel, Birmingham, Alabama, on August 5. Our sympathy is expressed to the family. Mr. Vandegrift was the father of Rev. Noel E. Vandegrift, pastor of Ramseur Christian Church, Ramseur, N. C.

Refugees From Persecution

By 1959, 11,500 refugees had sought safety in India after the Communist invasion of Tibet. And political upheaval at mid-century throughout much of the rest of the world has brought into sharp focus the needs of these and other refugees from nationalistic and/or racial persecution.

Our Christian World Mission has helped to provide food, shelter, and other emergency relief to countless thousands of homeless people. In Africa alone, there are 250,000 Angolese refugees in Tanganyika, and 28,000 Portuguese Guinea refugees in Senegal; and in camps from Hong Kong to Lebanon thousands upon thousands of homeless people receive help through funds contributed by the United Church of Christ. The help they receive is not only in the form of food and shelter. It comes also in the form of education which gives technical skill and human hope where it is most needed.

To meet these urgent needs, which increase day by day, is one of the primary goals of **Target Ahead.**

> We should note that there are two ways of believing. One way is to believe **about** God, as I do when I believe what is said of God is true. . . . This faith is knowledge or observation rather than faith. The other way is to believe **in** God, as I do when I not only believe what is said about Him is true, but put my trust in Him, surrender myself to Him and make bold to deal with Him, believing without doubt that He will be to me and do to me just what is said of Him.
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> —Martin Luther
> **A Brief Explanation of the Creed**

Industrial Evangelism In Japan

Americans are not alone in facing the vast problems of the great urban-industrial revolution. Giant new cities have sprung up throughout the world.

In Japan, for example, more than seventy per cent of the country's population have been forced to move to urban-industrial complexes. These urban Japanese peoples are an uprooted people who, having been forced away from their traditional family codes of values, seek new codes — moral, sociologically, and religiously — by which to live.

The church in Japan is moving swiftly to minister to the people thus uprooted. The mission is piercing into the basic problems of present-day Japan by means of chaplaincies within industry and within labor unions, and, for the very first time in the history of the Japanese nation, by well-organized public programs of Christian education in moral and social issues.

Thus the United Church of Christ today seeks funds as a part of "Target Ahead" for:

- the expansion of present ministries to industry and labor within Japan.
- the expansion of its programs of mass education in Christian attitudes toward moral and social issues.

The work to be done by the church in Japan may well set the pattern for the Christian church in other Asiatic countries, where the onsweep of urbanization follows a decade or two behind that of Japan.

Rev. O. D. Poythress Honored

South Norfolk Women's Fellowship honored Reverend and Mrs. O. D. Poythress at their quarterly meeting held June 24 in celebration of his 50th year in the ministry.

The call to worship was given by Mrs. Coleman Hargrove, President. Mrs. Ellsworth Morris read the scripture and Mrs. James Maples gave a meditation on the theme "My Heart an Altar."

After the necessary business the new circle leaders for the next two years were introduced and they in turn drew names for reshuffling of circles.

The president briefed the folder entitled "These are symbols of a great mission." She awarded Life Membership certificates in honor of Mesdames Cottie Boyce; Annie Curling; Rosa Funk; Mary Hogan; Thelma Rawls; and Hazel Roberts. Also a Memorial was awarded in memory of Miss Gussie Armstrong.

The Agnes Seymour Circle planned the program in honor of Reverend and Mrs. Poythress, who were recognized and presented with a gold tinted corsage and boutonniere by Mrs. W. C. Chappell, leader of the circle. Mr. Poythress gave a short talk in his characteristic manner reminiscing and testifying of his life's work in the ministry. Afterwards he sang several solos of a lighter vein — which he has been singing through the years: "Fishing" an old song copyrighted in the year 1893; "Tieing Apples on a Lilac Tree," and "How Great Thou Art" accompanied at the piano by Miss Gladys Hanbury.

The photograph shows the Rev. Mr. Poythress and Mrs. W. C. Chappell during the honoring celebration.

OVERTURE

Sigh of wind
Upon the night,
Breathless hush,
Expectant,
Of the waiting darkness
Quietly assuming
Dawn will come.

Trembling, trilling
Sounds of evening,
Far off rumbling,
Prologue,
Of a coming storm
To freshen earth
For morning.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Vacation West

August 2, 1965

Dear Friends:

It seems like only yesterday that school was out and it was time for summer vacations. Now we are fast approaching the end of summer and vacation time is almost over. This has been a most enjoyable summer vacation-wise for both the staff and children of our Home.

It was the Superintendent's pleasure this summer to exchange homes with the Rev. Julius Rice and his family who live in Thousand Oaks, California. My wife and I, along with our two daughters, Rita Dale and Elia Ann, left our home at Elon College on June 17th. We met Rev. Rice and his family at the Carlisle Motel in Oklahoma City on the 19th. We had a most delightful time spending the evening together. There wasn't much we needed to tell Rev. Rice and his family since he is originally from Burlington. However, there was much we needed to know about California for this was our first trip.

We had a most delightful, as well as enlightening, trip across the states of New Mexico and Arizona on the way out to California. There are many interesting things to see and many historical sights of interest.

We were much impressed with the state of California and all of the many contrasts that exist there. We enjoyed so much the opportunity to preach in Rev. Rice's church on the two Sundays we were there. He has an excellent church in a fast-growing community.

We were much impressed on our way home with all of the states we crossed, but in particular Utah and Colorado. We arrived back home on July 12th with many fond memories but still most delighted to be home again and about our tasks.

All of our boys and girls at one time or another during these three months have had three or more weeks of vacation away from our Home. Two will go as far north as Boston, Massachusetts to visit a family. Another will go to Florida where a family over the years have developed an interest in our Home. Others will visit from the mountains of N. C. and Virginia to the ocean beaches of both states.

Vacation time, along with the gathering of the various crops which have come in for use this winter, have kept the summer full for all of us. It hardly seems possible — but in only a few weeks all will be back home ready for school.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Clayton B. Farrell, age 54, Pittsboro, N. C. Mr. Farrell was a faithful member of Hanks Chapel Church where funeral services were held on August 6 at 2:30 P. M. Our sympathy is expressed to the family. Mr. Farrell was a brother of Rev. Earl T. Farrell, pastor of the Bayside United Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

REPORT FOR JULY 19, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 46.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	420.00
Western North Carolina Conference	124.93
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	266.87
Total	$ 857.80
Special Offerings	
Women's Fellowship, Tatnuck Congregational Church Worcester, Mass.	$ 50.00
Leaksville United Church of Christ, Leaksville, N. C. Vacation Bible School	17.81
Monticello United Church of Christ, Monticello, N. C. The Fellowship Bible Class	20.00
First United Church of Christ, Newport News, Virginia Fannie Mae Dollar Circle and Edna Webb Circle	12.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Dr. E. W. Hunter	
In Memory of Mrs. Lucy Cole	
In Memory of Mr. Clyde T. Lassiter	
In Memory of Mr. C. D. West	
In Memory of Mrs. Frances Shields	
In Memory of Mr. William E. Simmons	
In Memory of Mrs. E. S. Reeves	
In Memory of Mr. McCollum	
Total Memorial Gifts	$ 18.00
Special Offerings	75.00
Total	$ 192.81
Total for the Week	$1,050.61

REPORT FOR JULY 26, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$128.63
Eastern North Carolina Conference	107.00
Western North Carolina Conference	21.50
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	16.00
Total	$273.13
Special Offerings	
Monticello United Church of Christ, Monticello, N. C., Adult Bible Class	5.00
Bethel Christian Church, New Hill, N. C.	10.00
St. Peter's United Church, Greensboro, N. C., Women's Fellowship	5.00
Mr. Stuart Oldson, Salem, Mass.	10.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. W. H. Holderness	
In Memory of Mr. George Lynch	
In Memory of Mr. Sam A. Fitch (2 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mrs. Lula H. Freeman	
In Memory of Mr. Edmund W. Corrie	
In Memory of Mr. R. L. Fonville (2 Memorials)	
Total Memorial Gifts	80.00
Special Offerings	293.95
Total	$403.95
Total for the Week	$677.08

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REPORT OF RECEIPTS FOR APPORTIONMENT

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

PAID 1-1-65 TO 7-31-65

N. CAROLINA & VIRGINIA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Bethlehem	1,937	1,129.90	807.10	23
Asheville	2,261	840.00	1,421.00	00
Belew Cr.	674	300.00	374.00	00
Monticello	946	473.00	473.00	13
Bethel	991	175.00	816.00	21
Bev. Hills	2,479	1,236.00	1,243.00	00
Carolina	884	515.62	368.38	17
Edgewood	627	00	627.00	00
Burl., 1st	6,234	3,723.94	2,510.06	146
Hopedale	649	328.00	321.00	00
Lakeview	473	236.50	236.50	00
Long's Ch.	1,200	700.00	500.00	00
Union Ridge	2,982	700.00	2,282.00	27
Zion	294	10.00	284.00	00
Durham	3,125	1,725.00	1,410.00	227
Berea	473	150.00	323.00	00
Elon Col Co.	3,114	400.00	2,714.00	130
Concord	688	00	688.00	20
Shal. Ford	1,479	350.00	1,129.00	00
Apple's Ch.	2,796	1,631.00	1,165.00	00
Gibsonville	621	125.00	496.00	00
Gra. Prov.	1,123	250.00	873.00	00
Greensboro:				
Calvary	423	15.00	408.00	00
Cong.	6,655	3,327.36	3,327.64	1,168
Palm St.	2,315	1,157.70	1,157.30	00
St. Peter's	683	139.46	543.54	00
Pleas. Ridge	490	500.00	00	137
Haw River	1,341	641.00	700.00	00
Hendersonv.	1,805	00	1,805.00	49
Kallam Gr.	377	173.50	203.50	00
Hines Ch.	1,565	912.95	652.05	97
Mebane	125	125.00	00	00
Mt. Zion	1,386	900.00	486.00	6
Pfafftown	759	00	759.00	00
Reidsville	4,290	290.00	4,000.00	1,743
Howard's Ch.	249	00	249.00	00
N. Lebanon	1,000	109.90	890.10	00
Hap. Home	1,263	00	1,263.00	14
Lebanon	526	102.00	424.00	00
Mt. Bethel	400	200.00	200.00	00
Tryon	3,715	2,247.00	1,468.00	680
Salem Ch.	666	132.00	534.00	00
W.-Salem	1,248	624.00	624.00	6
Rocky Ford	264	00	264.00	00
Danv., Va.	3,789	00	3,789.00	35
Pleasant Gr.	1,030	00	1,030.00	00
Lynchburg	605	00	605.00	00
Liberty, Va.	1,061	00	1,061.00	5
Hebron	272	68.00	204.00	00
So. Boston	1,162	00	1,162.00	00
Ingram	859	400.00	459.00	00
Union, Va.	2,347	1,450.00	897.00	00
TOTALS	78,730	28,513.83	50,226.17	4,564

THE MISSION OF YOUR CHURCH DEPENDS ON YOUR REGULAR AND FAITHFUL SUPPORT.

WESTERN N. CAROLINA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Albemarle	2,127	1,240.61	886.39	00
Asheboro	1,915	957.50	957.50	00
Bailey's Gr.	132	00	132.00	00
Pleasant Cr.	508	381.00	127.00	00
Pleasant Un.	398	150.00	248.00	00
Spoon's Ch.	355	355.00	00	00
Union Gr.	640	250.00	390.00	00
Bennett	49	00	49.00	00
Pleasant Gr.	1,330	300.00	1,030.00	00
Biscoe	210	00	210.00	00
Flint Hill (M)	345	58.00	287.00	00
Big Oak	507	17.01	489.99	00
Ether	474	220.00	256.00	00
High Point	669	375.00	294.00	00
Liberty	794	00	794.00	00
Pleas. Hill	2,057	1,700.00	357.00	166
Smithwood	964	397.00	567.00	00
Antioch (C)	534	133.50	400.50	00
Hanks' Ch.	1,536	787.00	773.00	137
Ramseur	1,124	800.00	324.00	00
Pleas. Ridge	1,664	832.00	832.00	00
Shiloh	247	00	247.00	00
Randleman	1,150	594.00	556.00	3
Brown's Ch.	644	00	644.00	00
Prov. Ch.	163	00	163.00	00
Grace's Ch.	687	94.78	592.22	00
Northview	456	150.00	306.00	00
Zion	725	00	725.00	00
Seagrove	551	300.00	251.00	9
Antioch (R)	483	00	483.00	00
Needham's Gr.	648	200.00	448.00	00
New Center	274	00	274.00	00
Siler City	210	25.00	185.00	00
Sophia	600	273.45	326.55	30
Flint Hill (R)	294	00	294.00	00
Shady Gr.	287	00	287.00	00
Mt. Pleasant	552	200.00	352.00	47
Ramseur Miss.		25		
TOTALS	26,303	10,815.85	15,533.15	392

EASTERN N. CAROLINA

TOTALS	36,981	11,523.22	26,025.78	740
Pleasant Hill	270	00	270.00	00
Ebenezer	709	00	709.00	00
Damascus	483	200.00	283.00	15
Martha's Ch.	203	00	203.00	00
Bethel	177	20.00	157.00	00
Ch. Hill, U.	1,445	400.00	1,045.00	71
Clayton	537	328.00	209.00	00
Amelia	1,060	530.00	530.00	19
Fayetteville	1,037	349.00	688.00	00
Mt. Carmel	318	00	318.00	00
Pope's Chapel	438	109.00	329.00	00
Chris. Light	605	00	605.00	00
Garner, Trin.	658	00	658.00	17
Hayes Chapel	680	400.00	524.00	00
Mt. Hermon	408	00	408.00	00
Henderson	2,303	600.00	1,703.00	00
Fuller Ch.	894	596.00	298.00	51
Lib. Vance	2,126	1,187.00	939.00	400
Hope Mills	238	116.52	121.48	00
Bethlehem	390	200.00	190.00	00
Mt. Gilead	438	198.00	240.00	20
New Hope	722	00	722.00	6
Mt. Auburn	727	400.00	327.00	00
Chris. Chapel	211	00	211.00	00
Morrisville	196	100.00	96.00	22
New Elam	918	00	918.00	00
Niagara	94	50.00	44.00	00

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Special
Auburn	709	730.00	303.00	00
Piney Plain	949	134.00	815.00	00
Plymouth	546	00	546.00	12
Raleigh, U.	2,183	00	2,183.00	00
Raleigh, W.	558	32.25	525.75	00
Sanford, 1st	2,211	1,289.75	921.25	4
Lee's Chapel	427	00	427.00	00
Moore Union	362	00	362.00	00
Shallow Cell	2,143	500.00	1,643.00	50
Turner's Ch.	530	00	530.00	00
So. Pines	3,002	1,500.00	1,502.00	00
Wake Ch.	2,566	1,110.00	1,466.00	33
Beulah	997	00	997.00	00
Youngsville	288	100.00	188.00	20
Good Hope	333	28.20	304.80	00
Oak Level	525	225.50	299.50	00
Antioch	367	100.00	267.00	00
TOTALS	36,981	11,523.22	26,025.78	740

EASTERN VIRGINIA

Bayside	2,057	400.00	1,657.00	00
Rosemont	4,764	5,500.00	00	493
Oakland	2,763	1,382.00	1,381.00	230
Dendron	180	174.20	49.10	00
Union, Sur.	112	112.00	00	00
Beth., Disp.	336	100.00	286.00	00
Centerv.	231	173.25	57.75	00
Berea, Nans.	1,457	300.00	1,157.00	61
Mt. Zion	520	184.00	336.00	20
New Lebanon	64	00	64.00	00
Franklin	3,158	500.00	2,658.00	345
Hunterdale	2,198	160.00	2,038.00	36
Hamp., 1st	4,023	00	4,023.00	00
Holland	1,740	1,305.00	435.00	25
Holy Neck	1,844	812.50	1,031.50	00
Hopewell	723	200.00	523.00	00
Isle of Wight	409	209.00	200.00	00
Lynnhaven	1,490	00	1,490.00	106
Warwick	1,606	750.00	856.00	54
Norfolk:				
Bayview	1,797	500.00	1,297.00	65
Central	757	40.00	717.00	40
Chris. Tem.	6,410	3,205.01	3,204.99	112
Gt. Bridge	3,025	1,530.00	1,495.00	21
Little Creek	471	125.00	346.00	00
Portsmouth:				
First	1,402	225.00	1,177.00	25
Shel. Mem.	1,315	450.00	865.00	00
United	1,291	71.00	1,220.00	00
Prince Geo.	442	200.00	242.00	39
Rich., 1st	1,623	496.00	1,127.00	00
S. Norfolk	4,476	2,238.00	2,238.00	12
Beth., Nans.	4,371	1,554.02	2.816.98	150
Suf., Chris.	7,991	3,250.00	4,741.00	00
Cypress Ch.	2,104	00	2,104.00	00
Lib. Sprg.	2,317	1,164.00	1,153.00	5
Va. Beach:				
First	968	100.00	868.00	139
Pem. Man.	300	00	300.00	00
Wakefield	599	205.00	394.00	10
Barrett's	93	00	93.00	00
Burton's Gr.	206	104.52	101.48	00
Mt. Carmel	828	437.00	391.00	00
Waverly	1,498	00	1,498.00	3
Spring Hill	220	67.74	152.26	5
Windsor	1,678	1,472.25	205.75	54
Antioch	575	300.00	275.00	00
Eure	1,417	420.24	996.76	00
Damascus	1,002	00	1,002.00	00
Oak Grove	244	00	244.00	00
TOTALS	79,145	30,416.73	49,507.57	2,050

NOTES FROM THE DESK

KKK

It isn't generally known, but the KKK established a branch chapter at our East Burlap Church several months ago. The church would rather forget the whole affair, now. One of the members reported it, finally, hoping that other churches could benefit from the experience.

It all started religiously enough. After all, the Knicker Knitters for Korea are well-known for their charitable works. They're connected with Christianity, somehow. They operate often among churchmen and women. Though not publicized, small numbers of church members are involved in KKK work.

Before long, the East Burlap folks who expressed an interest in the visiting organizational leaders discovered it was really a back organization (as compared to a front organization). This was because the pattern used for knitting the knickers was incomplete -- they only had the back half. Not wanting to be embarrassed by an incomplete product, the leaders encouraged the members to put two backs together for one whole pair. When the finished product was sent to the needy Koreans, however, they were sent back for corrections.

The KKK discovered that if they wore them themselves no one could tell whether they were coming or going. A condition which went well with their state of mind. Thus, the knickers remained within the local group.

Except for the fact that the results of their labors never really served the purpose for which they worked so hard, everything went well until someone brought in pink yarn with which to knit. The leaders saw red.

The chaplain for the KKK chapter at East Burlap, a sawblade and scissor sharpener from some other town, announced in a sermon that elements on the outside were corrupting the high principles of the group. To have pink knickers was forbidden, because communists knitted pink knickers for needy Koreans. And certainly the East Burlap KKK was not communist. So, pink knickers were out.

Though none of the leaders knew anything about it, the person who brought in the pink yarn in the first place had some trouble. First, his knitting needles had their points filed off. Then the yarn developed masses of knots. And finally, worst of all, someone had sewn closed the bottoms of all his knickers.

Such harassment was too much for our East Burlap friends. They denounced the KKK and withdrew interest and support. The chapter folded and the Knicker Knitters for Korea left.

But the KKK moved to other places. Hopefully, other Christians will have the wisdom and good judgment possessed by our friends in East Burlap.

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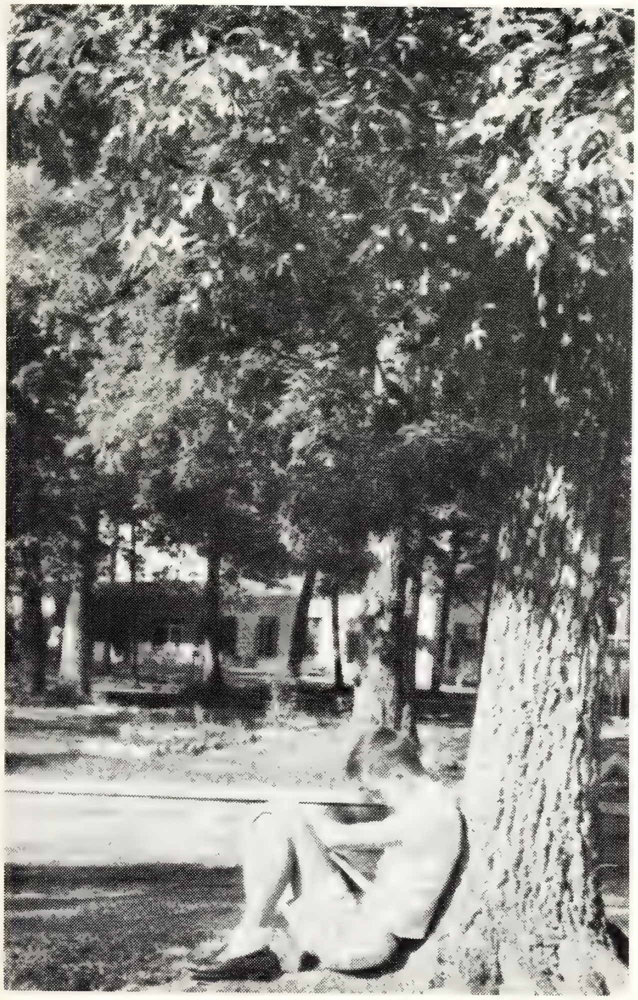

Moonelon Center

A Busy Camp Season Ends

From June 14 through August 14, Moonelon Center was the scene of work, fun and worship for more than 350 men, women and young people. Eight weeklong opportunities for camp-conference participation were offered Southern Convention juniors, junior highs, middle highs and senior highs. Sixty-three churches helped make it possible for their young people to attend.

Moonelon Center is dedicated and maintained for the purpose of supplementing the local church program in Christian education. Through its unique setting it can extend the invitation to young people to become serving, witnessing and worshiping participants in the community of faith. This is the same invitation offered by a church in an effective educational mission through the church school and youth fellowships.

Deeper meaning is given to worship in a context which may make young people more aware of God's nearness than they had ever been. The personal examples of mature Christians who serve as small group leaders and staff personnel are positive testimonies to their faith in God and in the young people themselves. Natural surroundings and personal influence complement each other in the relationships of camplife and particularly in worship experiences.

While religious values are an important part of the total program, it is hoped that camp will dig more deeply and nurture not only a meaningful relationship to the church but the individual's personal faith and his ability to respond to God, as well.

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. /KJ

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. /RSV

Great is the Lord; and highly to be praised, And his greatness is unlimited. /Goodspeed

In a few weeks autumn will be sharing its delightful blessings with us. Nature will be starting its preparations for the expected invigorating changes of colder weather. Activities among people will resume normal patterns after relaxing and refreshing summer days.

Though we fail to recall the fact, God knows no resurgency of activity or preparation for rest. His active involvement in the lives of His creatures has no time when He may "slow down" or resume "normal" activity.

While we labor or play, in all seasons, wherever we go . . . laughing, weeping, worrying, hoping, doubting, worshiping, forgetting . . . God is available. He uses no answering service while He's away from His office. His "office" is wherever His creative power has been at work. Nor does He maintain a waiting list of appointments, for He is unique in His universal presence at every moment.

We fail ourselves if we have left Him undiscovered in the midst of our daily tasks and pleasures. As we prepare for renewed activity with the coming of autumn, may we be renewed in our relationships with Him.

From K. Imotemjen Aier

Our Indian Guest Comments On Camp

The campers at Moonelon Center for the last five weeks were able to become acquainted with a gentleman from India whose name is K. Imotemjen Aier. Mr. Aier shared in our camp sessions under the auspices of the Missions Personnel Department of the Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ. He is a Baptist from Impur, Nagaland, India, which is in the northeastern part of the country.

"The idea of camp-life is the same everywhere I think," Mr. Aier writes at the close of his visit with us. "I think I have been benefitted much more than my own contributions to the camp. Kids have great talents. Their effective participation in the Vespers deserves commendation. I found them innocently friendly and interestingly inquisitive; their questions seem never going to get exhausted. One can not just easily forget the serenity of these kids as they stood around the communion table or around the campfire which was the climax of every camp.

"I wish I could mention all the names of the camp staff to whom I am intensely indebted; their untiring willingness in helping me out; their friendship, comradeship and cooperation throughout my stay at camp. They were in many ways responsible for making my sojourn pleasant and comfortable. I can neither forget the wooded campsite which constantly kept reminding me of my home town nor do I ever forget my favorite 'Mountain Dew.' "

Young People In Japan

"The church has a big responsibility to these young people. . . ."

THE INSTITUTE OF CHRISTIAN LIVING . . . through which we work, is concerned with many facets of changing family life. Our closest neighbors, the 4 generation Oki household, came for supper, fun, slide viewing, as a send-off party for 17 year-old Machiyo.

Six years ago Machiyo, then a 5th grader, started toting baby June around. Now having completed public school (the government requires and provides schooling for all up through 9th grade), and two years of business training, she is following footsteps of 2 older sisters and one brother by going to Tokyo-Yokohama to enter the modern work world. Over a million teen-agers entered the employment market in March, 1965, most of them converging upon Tokyo. The church has a big responsibility to these young people, uprooted from their home ties and farm or village social patterns.

From: **The Rev. and Mrs. Richard Lammers, Japan**

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FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

Our Homeland Ministries

The United Church Bookstore in Philadelphia which is operated by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. This store is located at 1505 Race Street in the building with many other offices of our instrumentalities.

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries seeks to further the Christian ministry in the United States and its possessions. The Board continues the work of ten historic societies from the Evangelical Reformed and Congregational Christian traditions, for which it acts as attorney and agent. The Board is under the direction of the Board of Directors, who feel a mandate laid upon it by the gospel.

The Board provides a number of essential services for the congregations of the United Church of Christ, which few local churches could provide for themselves. In pooling resources, the Board is able to provide service where it is most needed.

The Board makes available to Conferences and local churches the services of experts in such fields as the urban church, the town and country church, research, race relations, leadership training, evangelism, and Christian Education.

225 corporate members elected by the General Synod meet annually to review the work of the Board. The corporate members elect fifty of their own members to serve as a Board of Directors, which meets three times each year. The Board of Directors is composed of one third women, one third laymen, and one third ministers.

Dr. Truman Douglass is Executive Vice President of the Board. The Board for Homeland Ministries is divided into divisions, with a general secretary responsible for each division program.

The divisions of the Board for Homeland Ministries include: Christian Education, Church Extension, Evangelism, Health and Welfare Services, Higher Education, Publication.

The Board for Homeland Ministries operates two bookstores, publishes the **United Church Herald,** assumes responsibility for United Church curriculum, and seeks to provide resources in every facet of the work of Christ and His Church in the homeland.

About two-fifths of the income for the Board for Homeland Ministries comes from legacies, endowments, and reserves. The other three-fifths comes from Our Christian World Mission and Family Thank Offering sources.

About ninety percent of the financial resources of the Board for Homeland Ministries is used in field services to churches. About one percent is used for promotion and missionary education. Approximately three percent is used for **United Church Herald** subsidy. Approximately six percent is used for administration.

Clyde L. Fields

CWS Aids Flood Victims

More than one million pounds of grain have been rushed by **Church World Service** to victims of the July flooding of the Han River near Seoul, Korean, the worst disaster in the nation's history. Drawing on church-donated supplies in Seoul warehouses, CWS — the National Council of Churches' overseas relief arm — has distributed 1,141,200 pounds of grain, 450 bales of clothing and 170 bales of blankets in Kyonggi Province where the flooding took 181 lives and injured 140.

To replenish the Korean supplies, depleted by the distribution July 17, 18, and 19 immediately following the floods, CWS has shipped from this country 500 blankets, 20,000 pounds of clothing and $2,500 to buy 1,000 quilts available in Seoul.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. W. H. Scott, outstanding layman of the Hunterdale United Church of Christ, Franklin, Virginia, died suddenly on August 8, 1965. The Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harold Tribble, pastor of the Hunterdale Church, on August 10, at 4:00 P.M.

Mr. Scott was President of a road building company, outstanding civic leader, Trustee and officer of his Church, former member of the Board of Trustees of Elon College, devoted husband and father.

Sympathy is extended to the family from a wide host of friends who knew and loved W. Hunter Scott.

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Suffering is closely connected with freedom. To seek a life in which there will be no more suffering is to seek a life in which there will be no more freedom.

—**Destiny of Man,** Berdyaev

ON THE EDGE

The pastor of **Long's Chapel United Church of Christ, Burlington**, and his family, were the guests of the church choir and their families for a Saturday afternoon cookout supper on August 7. The minister is Donald D. Sledge.

Guest preacher at **Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro** on August 8 was Mr. Walter S. Snowa. His theme was "The Radical Change".

Rev. G. Harold Myers, pastor of **Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville,** with his family, attended the Minister's Family Conference at Dunkirk, New York on Lake Erie during two weeks of August.

The First Christian Church (UCC) of Burlington had the Rev. Howard P. Bozarth as guest preacher on August 8. Dr. Bozarth will be serving on the Elon College faculty beginning this fall.

Mr. K. **Imotemjen Aier,** of Nagaland, India, was the guest speaker at **First Congregational Christian Church (UCC) of Reidsville** on August 4. Mr. Aier has been serving as missions resource leader this summer at Moonelon Center.

Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ in Gibsonville reports the reception of fifteen members into the fellowship of the church during a recent revival conducted by the Rev. Dolan Talbert, pastor of Bethlehem Church in Altamahaw.

A. Johnnie Massey, Student Associate in Christian Education for the Southern Convention, will be guest preacher at **Carolina United Church of Christ** near Burlington on August 15.

Guest preacher at **Trinity United Church of Christ in Concord** on August 1 was the Rev. Richard N. Rinker, North Carolina Field Secretary for the Southern Convention.

Guest Preachers At High Point

Dr. F. C. Lester, former editor of **The Christian Sun,** minister of the High Point Congregational Christian Church, underwent throat surgery at McPherson Hospital in Durham last Friday. On August 15, the deacons of his church conducted the morning worship service. On August 22, Dr. W. W. Snyder, superintendent of the Elon Home, will be the guest preacher. On August 29, the preacher will be Dr. John G. Truitt. Dr. J. Earl Danieley will be their guest preacher on September 5. Those who came to know Dr. Lester as capable editor of **The Sun** throughout the Southern Convention will want to offer him their best wishes for a rapid recovery.

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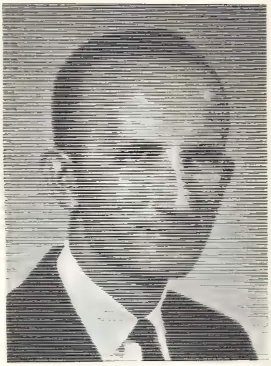
We are **religious** in the sense that religious communities (churches) enjoy the devotion and engage the active loyalty of more laymen than in any nation of the western world.

We are **secular** in the sense that we pursue the immediate goals of life, without asking too many ultimate questions about the meaning of life and without being too disturbed by the tragedies and antinomies of life.

—Reinhold Neibuhr
Pious and Secular America

Mark Andes To Edgewood



On August 8, the Rev. Mark W. Andes preached his first sermon as the new pastor for Edgewood United Church of Christ in Burlington. Mr. Andes and his family have settled in the new church parsonage built recently on Shadowbrook Road.

Coming from the Congregational Christian Church in Winchester, Virginia, Mr. Andes has been active in the reorganization of the area of the Virginia Valley as it became a part of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Mr. Andes is the brother of Dr. William J. Andes of the Elon College Community Church. Mrs. Andes is a native of Burlington. Both Mr. and Mrs. Andes are graduates of Elon College.

IN LINE

N. L. Allen

Keep marching! The peak is our goal!
One, two, three, four . . . don't halt!
Forward! In line — **stay in line!**
Not one for all, nor all for one,
It's all in all in army life.

Follow me, you of the singular plural.
Hey you! Forget **that** path.
Save higher peaks for other armies;
That peak is our goal . . .
It is needed more than any higher one.

So follow close, in **single** file,
Or go that path; you'll be alone
And none of us would come to help
For none of us would want to be alone.
This army follows **this** path.

This is the great army (more or less).
There is our peak, the goal.
Step lively, in line, us or you.
And don't blaze your path, because,
Because . . . this is the army, get in line!

Higher Education In South Africa

After many months of drought, it is at last raining here. If we get enough rain, the suffering among the African people in this area will be less this winter; but there will still be a lot of hunger and hardship, for it has been a bad year.

Things have gone well at the College this term. We have a good group of new students, several of whom seem quite promising. We still have not found a principal for Adams, but things have gone quite smoothly in any case, thanks to the ability of our colleagues and the good spirit of the student body.

You will recall that our Seminary established a new degree-level course last year. Toward the end of 1964, we had a difficult time because two of the churches in the Seminary, the Methodists and Presbyterians, decided that they would send their university-qualified students to the Government-controlled Fort Hare College in Alice, instead of to the Seminary.

Fortunately, recent developments have eased some of the tension, and we are more hopeful for the future. Fort Hare College summarily dismissed an African lecturer, because he had criticized Government policy. The criticism was very mild, and was made in a private professional essay which was not for public consumption. But still, it was criticism, and he was fired. A clearer illustration of the lack of academic freedom would be hard to imagine. (The lack of freedom is further indicated by the fact that Fort Hare students and faculty did not even protest at this injustice.) Such injustice, coupled with fact that the dismissed teacher was a Methodist who had urged the church to use Fort Hare instead of the Seminary, had led to some searching of heart among Methodists. They are now wondering if the Government is a good agency to train Christian ministers after all!

From: **The Rev. & Mrs. P. Allen Myrick**
South Africa

In Memoriam

Mrs. Charles A. Ballentine

Funeral Services were held for Mrs. Maye Grantham Ballentine, widow of the late Charles A. Ballentine, and a loyal and faithful member of the Wake Chapel Christian Church, on Saturday afternoon, July 3, following her sudden death at her home on July 1, 1965. The Rev. Earl T. Farrell of Bayside, Virginia, a former pastor assisted the Pastor Carl F. Dunker in the memorial service. Mrs. Ballentine along with her late husband was interested in all phases of her Church, Elon College and The Children's Home. She was a past District Chairman of the Raleigh District Woman's Fellowship, also having served as President of local Woman's Fellowship, and was treasurer of Circle I at time of her death.

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The College extends sympathy to Miss Linda Rountree, a rising sophomore, and family upon the tragic death of her father, Mr. Bradford L. Rountree, President of Rountree Dairy near Suffolk, Virginia. Mr. Rountree and a companion were instantly killed on the morning of August 9 in a car-train collision near Windsor, Virginia.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

DR. SCOTT VISITS HENDERSONVILLE

Dr. William T. Scott, Director of Church Relations for Elon College, was speaker in the interest of the College at **First Congregational Church, Hendersonville, North Carolina,** Sunday, August 8. **Dr. C. M. Heymann** is the minister of this church that came into our fellowship in 1950. The church now has a membership of more than 400. In 1961, 1962 and 1964, the church received the largest number of members of any church in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference; in 1963, they received the second largest number. Each Sunday capacity congregations attend. Dr. Heymann and his people are much interested in the College. They accepted the **Sacrificial Goal** in support of the College's Diamond Anniversary Campaign.

FALL NOTES

Enrollment at the fall semester will fill to capacity the facilities of the College. Fact is, the dormitory facilities have been filled for months. Regretfully the College has been unable to admit many young men and young women of our churches because of limited facilities, late applications, and inadequate scholastic standing of students. The College regrets disappointments coming to many church families and young people. It is the purpose of the College to serve the youth of our church where possible, and early and faithful applications of our young people are urged.

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The schedule for the opening of the 1965 fall semester includes the following: **September 10** — opening faculty convocation; **September 11-16** — student orientation period, religious emphasis, tests, counseling, registration. **September 14-15** — registration of students for evening classes. Freshmen will register **September 15;** upperclassmen the **16th.** Classes will begin **September 17.** Evening classes will begin the **20th.**

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Elon College announces a gift of visual aids from the 3M Company which amounts to approximately $2,000. It includes an overhead projector, copying machine, transparencies, and supplementary teaching materials.

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PAPER ON CHRISTIAN CHURCH HISTORY PRESENTED BY DR. W. T. SCOTT

Dr. William T. Scott presented a paper to the annual meeting of the national Historical Society of the Evangelical and Reformed Church held at Catawba College, Salisbury, August 14. His subject was **The Christian Church Beginnings and Principles.** He and Mrs. Oma U. Johnson were official representatives from the Congregational Christian national Historical Society.

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A new edition of the Greek New Testament is being prepared for publication during the 150th Anniversary of the American Bible Society in 1966.

The Lowly Bean ...

By **KATHLYN GAY**

In the average American kitchen, pinto beans or pea beans might find their way into such dishes as Chili, bean salad or a rich soup, but seldom does the housewife consider this vegetable as the main part of her family's diet. Nor does she expect that the dry or canned beans she purchases from the well-stocked supermarket shelves in her neighborhood shopping center to be the main source of protein for her family. The lowly bean is even relegated — in some American households — for use only in 'economy' dishes when the budget is strained.

However, this simple vegetable has an entirely different value in such countries as Congo, Nigeria, Brazil, Philippines, and Haiti. In these parts of the world where organizations such as Church World Service have established programs of materials and spiritual aid for destitute people, beans from the U.S. have become an important asset in the projects where people are given a chance to help themselves to a better way of life. But how has the bean become synonymous with self-help?

Contributors to CROP, the community appeal of Church World Service in this country, are cognizant of some of the values of this protein-rich food. As growers give generously of their crop and others provide funds for CROP to purchase thousands of bags of beans in a year, they know that their gifts have made a difference to countless hungry people.

For example, a refugee from Angola, seeking safety in the Lower Congo, may be receiving his first nourishing meal in many days — with the meal made up primarily of beans from CROP. Or an Angolan refugee family will receive the pea beans to be used as seed; this with a hoe and machete (also gifts from CROP) for working the land will provide them with their own supply of food once the harvest is reaped.

Says James Paton, Church World Service representative working in the Congo, "This seed and tool program is a very important factor in our long-range efforts to put these uprooted people on a self-sufficient basis. By distributing these pea bean and other vegetable seeds we are able to terminate, within a year, handouts of food."

Beans are a traditional food in the Congo just as they are in Latin American countries and in the extremely poor villages of Haiti. Nowhere has the lowly bean from American farmlands reached such high esteem as it has in Haiti. But one Haitian, subsistence farmer Ti Cong by name, who knows drought, hurricanes, erosion, poor crop production, can attest to the value of bean gifts.

Contrary to the popular notion that Haitians are lazy, Ti Cong, like most of his countrymen, is a hard worker. He has to be to live. His ten acre farm lacks irrigation and he does not have the plants or seeds to produce nutritious food. Ti Cong's plot is situated in the Cotes de Fer region, surrounded by mountains where if he is lucky and the rains are not too late he will be able to harvest maize and millet (poor in food value, but filling). Also he can depend on a crop of congobeans, but they will be dry, hard and a meagre harvest for his family of eight.

Nearly a year and a half ago Ti Cong considered himself fortunate to have a few breadfruit and avacado trees and a cluster of cocoapalms. Even if the market for his crop of sisal was good and if the price per pound did not drop drastically — as it often did — he could count on some income to buy the things his family needed to exist.

But one hurricane wiped out all Ti Cong's produce, his means for survival, and his hopes. It was at this point that the Service Chretien d'Haiti (the organization through which Church Service works and through which CROP sends its food, seeds and tools to the destitute in this country) was able to give assistance. Once the repair and reconstruction of homes was accomplished and food had been distributed to prevent starvation, the work of revitalization began. The first

WOMEN AND BOYS HELP BUILD SCHOOL

Women and boys in Haiti carry baskets of dirt and construction materials on their heads to and from the building site for a new school. CROP shipments of beans, wheat, high-protein food supplements, etc., make possible self-help projects such as schools, irrigation systems and road building, by providing food-for-wages for those employed on the projects.

IN MEMORIAM

Henry Chester Hedly

Born September 27, 1878. Died April 29, 1965. Member Rosement Christian Church, Chesapeake. Choir member, church school teacher and superintendent, Deacon.

Mrs. Annie Carroll

Died July 18, 1965. Wife of late Mr. Frank Carroll. Member of Hayes Chapel Christian Church in Garner. Faithful supporter of the church and mother of ten children.

Mrs. Kathleen Bowman

Member of Union Ridge United Church of Christ, Burlington. Died this past spring. Tribute has been paid by the members of the Ella Fleming Sunday School Class of which she was a member.

. . . Attains High Esteem

task was to create jobs — jobs that benefit the worker because he was paid in food and clothing; jobs that benefit the whole village because the work was construction of roads, schools, irrigation channels.

Ti Cong went to work with a crew under the direction of an engineer from the Service Chretien d'Haiti. They were to construct a dam at one of the passes in the mountains and a long canal had to be dug.

"Large stones had to be carried for the dam," Ti Cong explained. "It was real man's work." This was something that appealed to him and it was something he could understand. But the canal was a different story. "I thought the shovel a strange thing," Ti Cong said. "And why did we dig so deep? We are so far from the river. We are down in the plain in the dry sand. The water will never come this far. All this work is foolish."

But, of course, to Ti Cong's surprise, the water did come rushing down through the canal. For weeks he marveled at the 'miracle'. Not only that, he was jubilant when he carried home his pay: sacks of fat red beans from the U.S. He had visions now of producing this sturdier plant with its nutritions variety of bean. And with his irrigated land the maize would be good, and he would plant banana trees. . . . On and on the dream spiraled. But it had firm roots in reality — the reality of material assistance from concerned people working through CWS-CROP.

"The 'bean miracle' was not limited to men," says Mrs. Arlin Hunsberger who works with her husband, the CWS representative in Haiti. "Women too are given work. In one project where we leveled out the side of a mountain in order to build a school, the men were responsible to pick the rock loose, but the women came with baskets, dishpans, whatever they had, to carry the rock on their heads and pile it up for later use in the construction of the school.

"Work to these people is so important," Mrs. Hunsberger continues, "that they will not stop even in the rain. They clamber up the slick clay mountain sides. Then, too, one must remember that these people do not jump into their cars after work, but walk miles over mountain paths to get home — only to arrive in their small damp houses without the possibility of a hot shower or dry clothes. They consider themselves lucky to have one outfit of clothing. For this reason, a day's work can equal a shirt or a dress; or two day's work will be worth a pair of pants."

Mrs. Hunsberger explained that with so much need and with so many people in desperate circumstances, it was no easy decision to pick who would work and who would not — or who would receive food in payment or who would receive clothing. For this reason, a system was arranged whereby a man or woman received CROP beans in payment for his or her first week's work; the second week clothing and a plastic bag to use as a container (which is a scarce item in Haiti) were used as payment; the next week food was given, and so on through the months.

Still it is no simple matter to be equitable about the work. "Telling the people, who have walked for 12 hours over the mountains and who have lost their crops, that there is no work is a mentally disturbing job," Mrs. Hunsberger confesses. She added: "There are many rewards, however. As we try to practice our love we see the Haitians in turn practice love by giving what they have earned to others who are more in need than they . . . old people, little children, the sick."

"Agreed," said work project director of Service Chretein d'Haiti, F. E. Wandelaar. "Just as the beans produce more and more everywhere they go — whether they are planted as seed or used as immediate nourishment — so the love, concern and responsibility we feel for our fellowman reproduces itself. I'd say that was a rather lofty purpose for the lowly bean."

Tension — Evidence Of Life

For years I have cherished the longing to be free from tension. (Have we not all?) Then, a few weeks ago, there was suddenly borne in upon my thinking the idea that lack of tension is in effect lack of **life,** that a state of tension, or "instability", as a biology professor of mine once put it, is essential to all living things.

Let us give thanks then for tension, for the privilege of being pulled and tugged at from various directions, rejoicing in the exhilaration of growth. Give thanks for tension which develops strength, and without which there can be no change, no better word of the future.

God, make our hearts strong to bear the tensions of life, as the steel girders of great bridges bear the weight that crosses them, strengthened as the strong stem of a tree that bends with, yet braces against, all winds.

Mrs. W. W. Sloan

BUILDING A DAM IN SOUTHERN HAITI

Building a dam in southern Haiti using CROP food gifts as wages for workers. The water will be diverted through irrigation canals to fields which have lain idle due to insufficient rainfall. Technical assistance in planning self-help projects is often supplied by the Church World Service representatives and the church agencies through which they work.

Our Talents

A. Johnnie Massey

In the 24th and 25th chapter of Matthew we find Jesus talking privately to his disciples on the Mount of Olives. In his teaching Jesus tells them several parables. One of these is the parable of the talents found in the 14th through 30th verses of the 25th chapter. A man goes on a journey and before leaving he calls his servants to him and gives them his property to keep until he comes home. When he returns two of his servants return his property plus a gain. The third servant returns only what his master gave him. Angry with this servant, the master casts him into the outer darkness.

We as the children of God, made in the image and likeness of God, have been given dominion over every living thing on the face of the earth. Man has been given by God, as a gift, the power and choice to think and act, to create or destroy, to do good or do evil, to love or hate. But this gift has a few strings attached. We have not been given this gift to do as we please, but as a trust for God that with these powers we carry the responsibility of executing them in the way that God commands.

In this parable we see God as the master and ourselves as the servants. God gives to each of us various talents that we are to use according to our ability. These God-given talents are to be used in our daily lives as we strive to live in a Christian community with our fellow man. Our talents may be small and may seem unimportant to us, but these have been given to us by God to use and have a value although unrecognizable at times. The talents of singers, engineers, salesmen, and janitors are all important in the sight of God.

These talents have been given to us to use. If we do not use them we will lose them. God has given us the freedom to live our own lives; therefore, it is our responsibility to use our talents the way in which we will do the will of God, as the two servants did in the parable. Those who bury their talents or keep them to themselves will be like the third servant in the parable and God will be angry with them and cast them into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Christian Stewardship is the use of the possessions of God in accordance with the will of God. Our stewardship should not be a troublesome and **ought to** way of life, but instead a life of joy and thanksgiving as we use our talents and seek new talents. As we seek these new talents we will find the true riches and truths about our life and we will gain a fuller understanding of our life.

On Family Life And Converts

Thoughts From Japan & India

OPEN DOORS . . . Our conviction keeps growing that God is calling us to witness to families through having people into our home to study and to discuss problems of family living. Organizing officially as the '"Institute of Christian Living" with a full-time assistant, our program will not change in its attempt to reach Japanese families on a personal basis with the Gospel as it is applied to daily life. We hope to avail ourselves of the many open doors that God is providing for us if we can just be there ready to enter with Him.

Last week we were invited to a study-fun day held annually for all women of Yubetsu township, about 2 hours drive from Kitami. Dick and Martha gave one-hour lectures on home training of children, followed by discussion. We asked each woman to write her personal ideas of "the biggest problem you are facing NOW in your own home" and "what you most want to do better or differently as a result of today's study meetng." The ladies' comments, roughly translated, may give you insights into the actual situations that exist and glimmers of the visions that people are beginning to get:

"Young girls don't want to become brides of farmers . . . Income is low so am worried whether we can get a bride for our son . . . Have junior high boy at home to take over farm some day, but am worried we won't find a wife for him.

"Need for father to show some interest in training and upbringing of child . . . Want child-parent time of sharing ideas . . . Father needs to listen more to child and pay more attention to his education . . . Even if I learn correct ways at some study meeting, husband won't allow me to use them.

"Want to help the child. Teach him to take responsibility . . . Do something about starting children's allowances . . . Establish a talking relationship with our children and plan together with them . . . We gave our child too much freedom without guidance . . . Want to respect opinion and will of my children . . . Want another opportunity to talk about family relationships and home training . . . Our junior high boy is always against everything."

From **Dick and Martha Lammers,** Japan

(A postscript from a missionary friend in India was added to the Lammers letter and we are including it for it has questions you might like to try to answer!)

"People often ask about converts here, with — it seems to me — no conception of the task involved. Somehow the idea seems to be that because we are missionaries, converts should flock in. Perhaps I could help you think through the situation with some questions.

"How many converts have there been in your church in the past five years? From what group were they made? How many from the totally unchurch community? Why so few?

"Now turn your attention to a non-Christian community such as India, where for every Christian there are fifty or a hundred non-Christians. (In Nowgong, the ratio would be nearer 1 to 300.) Then consider the fact that within that small Christian community the ratios are about the same as in your church: 1/5 earnest, concerned Christians who can be depended upon; 1/5 who come to church more or less regularly, but with no vital concern; 1/5 who come sometimes; 1/5 who seldom come; 1/5 who never come. If in a community overwhelmingly (so-called) Christian — such as yours — the totally unchurched cannot be reached, is it surprising that it cannot be easily done here?"

From **Miss Hazel Morris,** India

End Of Camping Season At Moonelon

This week marks the end of the regularly scheduled camps and conferences at **Moonelon Center,** the facilities of the Southern Convention outside of Elon College. A total of seven resident camps and conferences were held in 1965; 3 junior age, 2 junior high, 1 middle high, and 1 senior high.

In addition to these seven, there were also special opportunities which included the **Vocations Retreat** earlier in the year and the 1965 **Youth Travel Seminar** which originated and terminated at the Center. In all more than 400 young people and 40 adults have been involved in the total program.

The regular maintenance work at Moonelon this summer was handled very effectively under the leadership of **Miss Jewelle Bass.** Assisting her in this work were **Betty Lou Talley** and **Noel Allen.** Three others shared in fulltime summer work as resource personnel and counsellors: **Linda Powers, Jesse Weaver** and **Larry Hall.**

The directors of the seven camps included **Miss Dorothy Ballinger** from Greensboro, **Rev. Kenneth Register** of Burlington, **Rev. John Lackey** of Norfolk, **Rev. Robert Bew** of Virginia Beach, **Rev. Dan Jones** of Reidsville, **Rev. Dwight Moore** of Chuckatuck, and **Rev. Collins Kilburn** of Raleigh. **Miss Elizabeth Fairbank** shared the co-directorship of the senior high week with Mr. Kilburn. The Travel Seminar was led by **Rev. L. T. Wilkins, Jr.,** of Liberty.

Evaluation forms turned in by staff members at the close of each week indicate that this year's camps and conferences were fine ones. As we look ahead to 1966, our hope is to find more interested adults to work with those who served this year as small group leaders. In a few cases it was necessary to send back registrations from young people because enough adult leaders could not be obtained.

Churches Represented At Moonelon In 1965

The sixty-three churches represented at Moonelon Center this summer included the following: Holy Neck, Long's Chapel, Cypress Chapel, Fayetteville, Liberty Springs, Pleasant Hill, South Norfolk, Monticello, Christian Temple, Liberty Vance, Bethlehem (N), Lakeview, Hines Chapel, Berea (N), Happy Home, Hank's Chapel, High Point, Sophia, Elon College, Randleman, Hunterdale, Greensboro Congregational, Palm Street, Richmond, Burlington First, Bay View, Southern Pines, Virginia Beach First, Reidsville, Morrisville, Durham, Smithwood, Mt. Auburn, Haw River, Oakland, Suffolk Christian, Shallow Ford, Antioch Windsor, Lebanon, Chapel Hill, Beverly Hills, Shelton Memorial, Piney Plains, Lynchburg, Wake Chapel, Rosemont, Warwick, Union Ridge, Liberty, Mt. Zion, Winston Salem, Sanford, Zion Sanford, Amelia, Plymouth, Salem Chapel, Clayton, Pleasant Union, Bayside, and Asheboro.

Small Group Leaders At Moonelon

These men and women spent a week or more at Moonelon Center as small group leaders for camps and conferences. They are listed by their home churches.

Suffolk Bethlehem: Mrs. Walter D. Graham (2), Mrs. Betty Pope

Suffolk Christian: Wilson Miltier

Haw River: Miss Ruth Williams (2), Rev. James Rosser

Salem Chapel: James Rayburn

Chuckatuck Oakland: Rev. Dwight Moore, Mrs. Dwight Moore

Liberty First: Rev. Homer Frye

Sophia: Forest Lee Hall, Mrs. Forest Lee Hall, Rev. Rex J. Thomas, Mrs. Wilma S. Hill

Sanford First: Mrs. Layton Stevens

South Norfolk: Mrs. Pearle Robinson

South Boston: Rev. Walter Crosby (2)

Pleasant Union: Mrs. Clay Yates

Reidsville First: Miss Violet Collie

Greensboro Palm Street: Mrs. P. R. Hall (2), Mrs. James E. Smith

Durham First: Rev. Richard L. Jackson

Cypress Chapel: Miss Judith Brinkley

Norfolk Christian Temple: Oscar Y. McClannan, Mrs. Oscar McClannan

High Point: Mrs. James A. Trivette (2)

Shallowford: Rev. Richard M. Petersen

Virginia Beach First: Mrs. Harriett Marshall, Mrs. Louise Briley

Franklin Hunterdale: Rev. Harold Tribble

Were it not for the five who were willing to serve **two** weeks, many boys and girls would have had to be turned away for lack of adult leadership. The Student Summer Service workers made up the difference between actual Southern Convention adults willing to share a week of their time and the needs at the Center. At least six young people could not be accepted for the week for which they applied because of the leadership shortage.

The Missions Offering

Each camp or conference at Moonelon Center receives a special offering for missions as part of their worship sometime during the week. The total amount offered in 1965's camps and conferences amounted to $331.43. This will be used for the work of Our Christian World Mission at home and abroad.

These offerings represent far more than money from the pockets of the young people. At each camp was a missions guest who was able to help the campers begin to understand the meaning of the mission of the church on the basis of first hand experience. Missions guests come to us through the efforts of The Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ.

OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION

Children & Books

At the corners of houses and under the shadows of trees we notice children reading books. When schools close we shall see more of these children. Reading these days has come into our lives like the food we need for nourishment. All well and good. . . .

But I wonder if you noticed what kinds of books are being read. Which kinds of books should be read?

Let me point out here with regret, that most of the books on the corners are comic books without an instructive theme. Lately, most of the books that are published and read by young people are adventure comic books. These books bring bad habits to the child.

If the guardians of children were to show more interest in the books their children read, they would be doing a good deed. If necessary to provide pupils and children with instructive, educational books.

The American Board Publication Department has published three new and useful books for young people.

These books were written by foreign writers, translated into Turkish in a very clear style, and printed attractively. The books have pictures here and there relating to the subject of the book. "Tatli Dil, Guler Yuz," "Ibrahim Agabey," and "Ghandi" are written both in an educational and informative style.

We recommend these books to our readers.

From a Turkish newspaper editorial sent by
Mr. Robert Avery, Turkey

Concern In Public Education

One of the great educators of our nation, James B. Conant, recently said, "Taking education seriously would mean worrying about the education of other people's children, not just about that of our own." In its new program of "Breakthrough," the United Church of Christ seeks to enter the field of education in three different areas:

- to inform and interpret the real problems of secondary public education so that our congregations may take action in local communities throughout the nation for the total good of our public school systems.
- to expand its cooperation with colleges and universities in establishing programs of service to the entirety of life today. Three such centers have already been established: at the University of California, at Pennsylvania State University, and at Michigan State University, where, as one example of a cooperative venture between university and church, an extensive and exceedingly helpful study on Christian business ethics has recently been made, the results being published in book form by the U. S. Government.
- to cooperate with state colleges and universities for aiding Negro students in the South. At present, little Christian concern is being expressed outside the classroom for these students, although they far outnumber the Negro students in our own United Church-related colleges and although Negro students, as a result of their special problems, frequently stand in dire need of counseling and psychiatric help.

Mission: The Christian's Calling
Resources Available

Mrs. F. C. Lester, Regional Secretary for the Council for Lay Life and Work, 1113 North Rotary Drive, High Point, N. C., has the following resources for sale. They are Friendship Press items and the Program Opportunities materials for 195-66.

God Calls Us To Mission (12 worship services)	$ .25
Comes The Moment To Decide (4 dramas)	.75
Packet on Mission: The Christian's Calling	2.75
The Word With Power, de Lietrich	
Realms of Our Calling, Grimes	
Babylon By Choice, Marty	
Mission As Decision, Ikeler & Rowland	
Program Opportunities For Adults 1965-66	
Complete notebook	4.25
Filler only with new items	2.75

These items may be picked up at the above address. If payment accompanies mail orders, postage will be paid; otherwise postage will be charged to the purchaser.

The Church's Ministry With Children

November 2-4

A CONFERENCE FOR WORKERS WITH CHILDREN

The Children's Work Committee of the Virginia Council of Churches and the North Carolina Council of Churches will sponsor a conference on **The Church's Ministry with Children** at Roslyn Conference Center, 8727 River Road, Richmond, Virginia, from November 2-4.

Leaders for this fine opportunity for training will include such outstanding persons as **Dr. Iris V. Cully,** Instructor in Christian Education at Yale Divinity School; **Miss LeDonna Bogardus,** Childrens Work Staff Member on the Methodist Board of Education; **Miss Ruth Wagner,** Editor of Children's Publication, Department of Education for Mission, National Council of Churches; **Dr. Sara Little,** Professor of Christian Education, Presbyterian School of Christian Education; **Dr. William Bean Kennedy,** Associate Executive Secretary, Presbyterian Church U. S. Board of Christian Education.

Total cost for room and meals at Roslyn will be $17.50. This fee includes registration and the study book, **The Christian Faith Speaks To Children,** by Mary Alice Jones. For information and registration forms, write to Virginia Council of Churches, 2321 Westwood Avenue, Richmond, Va. 23230. The conference opens with registration on Tuesday, November 2, 10:30 a.m., and closes at 2:00 Thursday, November 4.

YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCES

Leaders

Blowing Rock
August 20 - 22

Miss Elizabeth Fairbank (Durham)
Rev. T. M. Shoffner (Charlotte)
Rev. B. D. Shepherd (Concord)
Rev. R. N. Rinker (Elon College)
Rev. E. M. Neff (Hickory)
Rev. J. W. Wise (Landis)
Rev. D. P. Flick (Hickory)
Rev. V. D. Grimes (Faith)
Miss Susan Brown (Faith)
Mr. Henry Simmons (High Point)

Franklinton Center
August 27 - 29

Miss Shelia Freeze (China Grove)
Rev. C. E. Bartholomew (Whitsett)
Rev. R. E. Morris (Suffolk)
Rev. J. R. Cress (Rockwell)
Rev. R. M. Petersen (Elon College)
Rev. L. B. Simmons (Chesapeake)
Rev. W. J. Andes (Elon College)
Mrs. H. H. Garlic (Bricks)
Rev. J. Garlic (Bricks)
Rev. R. N. Rinker (Elon College)
Mr. A. J. Massey (Burlington)
Mr. James Burt (Raleigh)
Miss Nancy Alexander (Greensboro)

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Time Plan

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Friday

4:00	Registration
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Vespers
7:45	The Youth Ministry Concept
9:00	Recreation

Saturday

8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Resources & Methods
10:00	Break
10:45	Program Area Planning
11:45	Break
12:00	Lunch
1:30	Recreation
2:00	Program Area Planning
3:15	Break
3:30	Symposium on YF-PF
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Vespers
7:45	Program Area Presentations Fellowship Outreach

Sunday

8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Program Area Presentations Citizenship Witness
11:00	Morning Worship (Faith)
12:00	Lunch

Dr. John G. Truitt Publishes Book Of Poems

Dr. John G. Truitt, the much loved Superintendent of the Elon Home for Children, has published a new book of poems, entitled **Shoes of Iron and Brass.** The poems are based on a verse of scripture found in Deuteronomy 33:25, reading **Thy shoes shall be iron and brass, and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.**

One of the poems is titled, **Shoes of Iron and Brass** and is as follows:

Shoes of iron and brass shall be,
    When roads are rough given thee;
And strength according to thy days,
    Sufficient strength for all thy ways.
Let's take the roads, what'er they are,
    And follow them tho near and far;
For shoes of iron and brass must be
    Worn with faith courageously!

Christian Sun Subscriptions

CHRISTIAN SUN subscriptions are being received only through the end of December at the rate of six cents per issue. A new arrangement for the subscriptions and distribution of our new conference publication will supercede the present plan. Individuals wishing the remaining issues of THE CHRISTIAN SUN may send subscriptions to Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244, on the above basis.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Trouble in The General Ohm Developer

The electronic age has reached our church at East Burlap. They have acquired a new General Ohm Developer which, as everyone knows by now, is a super-efficient amplification system for preachers with soft, timid, quiet, reserved or otherwise unhearable voices. This new aid to worship was procured thanks to the efforts of the women's groups of the church, who sold 11,117 bottles of rose-scented cat food sweetener.

From the very first Sunday after it had been installed, the value of this modern innovation has been clearly recognized. Only during one Sunday morning worship service did they have any difficulty with it. Quite a fascinating thing happened, really. Something went wrong with it at odd moments while the service was going on.

It happened while the responsive reading was being given. The General Ohm Developer (G.O.D.) apparently interjected parts of a radio broadcast from outside into the system so that it came out in the sanctuary in place of the minister's words. This was the result of the mix-up, which left some of the congregation visibly confused:

People: Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

G.O.D.: . . . while the anti-poverty program moves rapidly ahead . . .

People: Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied.

G.O.D.: . . . for the gang-filled streets of New York as crime increases among the teenagers of the city . . .

People: Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh.

G.O.D.: . . . that conservatives will increase in number and power before the next national elections . . .

People: Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil on account of the Son of man!

G.O.D.: . . . more civil rights protest marches are scheduled in Alabama and Chicago . . .

There was one more bit of interference from the General Ohm Developer which few of the congregation noticed because they were getting their hymnbooks in the racks and gathering up their belongings. It came just after the benediction.

"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you and bring you peace. Amen."

"Yes, friends, millions have been saved by aspirin -- get yourself a supply now!"

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WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
/KJ

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
/RSV

You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.
/New English

The son of God. Our brother. Our elder brother, at that. One who has experienced life in its highest and lowest moments. A brother possessed of God-centered wisdom, with truth to share and a way to follow.

The son of God. Revealer of the Father's love and concern. Exemplifier of self-giving compassion. Redemptor from self-affirming denials of God to god-centered denials of self.

The son of God. Personal companion to men and women who shared history with him. Friend, teacher, physician and leader for real people, in a real place. This reality — this personal companionship — has continued through time for us to experience if we so choose. Ours is the companionship of the living God who was in Christ and who is in our time continually active in the lives of men.

Breakthrough

In two weeks, Breakthrough preparations will begin in the area of the Southern Convention. Beginning on September 8, four men will travel to Atlanta, Georgia, to receive training to aid them as they train visitation teams at Moonelon and in Eastern Virginia. The four men, the Reverends L. Bill Simmons, Lowell Smoot, Raymond Phelts, and Richard N. Rinker, will learn about the techniques being suggested for visiting local churches, resources available for their presentations, and the hopes envisioned.

Breakthrough will indeed be felt as more than one hundred and twenty churches of the Southern Convention join together to share in these expeditions into the needs and potentials of Our Christian World Mission. Through discussion, visual aids, the answering of questions, and self-examination, the latent potential for tremendous impacts on the situations of need over the entire world may be stirred through a gradual awakening. As local churches discover their call anew to serve our Lord through their outreaching concern, the witness to faith will gain strength and effect.

Visitation teams will be meeting with the key leaders of the local churches, as well as with any others in the churches wishing to participate in this educational and inspirational venture. For two hours these workers will share ideas and needs, and will seek to help individuals find out what Our Christian World Mission means in terms of people and conditions.

This is, then, a last call to those churches not yet listed as desirous of sharing in Breakthrough. Acceptance letters indicating willingness to receive the visitation team into your churches according to the suggested date should be sent to Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C., or to Rev. L. Bill Simmons, Box 15126, Chesapeake, Va., whichever is the Field Secretary serving your area. Forgotten dates may be found by asking these same persons.

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The Obedient Servant

A. Johnnie Massey

In the second chapter of Paul's letter to the Philippians, the 5th through 11th verses, we find Paul setting forth some of the greatest, most powerful and moving verses about Jesus that he ever writes. In these verses Paul reveals the humble, obedient spirit of Jesus and that Christ Jesus was in the likeness of God. He reveals that God and man walked on the earth as one; a man, a servant, a slave. Although Christ had the same privileges and powers as God, He did not claim to be equal with God.

Instead of aspiring higher, the mind of Christ — the humble, obedient spirit — abandoned everything He rightly possessed, gave up the serenity, the peace, and the glory of divinity, put aside all temptations and voluntarily took the form of man. He did not disguise Himself as a man, but became one in reality.

In the form of man He again gave up all the rights that were His. He gave up all personal ambitions, and self-seeking impulses and surrendered himself without reserve to the will of God. The Jews expected a Messiah who would come and rule the world in a physical kingdom. Jesus could have chosen this goal in life, but this was not the purpose for which He had come. His attitude toward God was one of absolute submission. As a result of this total submission He suppressed Himself so utterly that He died on the cross, the most terrible and dishonorable of all modes of death.

He became a servant to the lowliest people on the earth. These are the people that are often discriminated against because they dress differently, speak differently, don't conform to society, or have a different color. Jesus endured the typical sins that men committed against these people and Himself and revealed that many times it is the **respectable** people that are not doing the will of God.

In the short time that man and God walked the earth as one, we find several characteristics for our Christian faith set forth: humility, obedience, self-renunciation, and love. It was not the desire of Jesus to dominate men with His authority and power, but He humbled Himself before men and wanted to serve them. It was not his desire to live his own life, but He was obedient and lived the life in the way God willed. It was not his desire to exalt Himself, but to renounce all of his glory for the sake of men. The entire life of Jesus was lived in love for God and for His fellowmen.

We may ask, **Are we to be as obedient as Jesus was, if necessary?** Those who are Christians will answer yes. When we accept Jesus Christ as our savior we also accept the responsibility that He gave His disciples when He told them to go out into the world teaching the gospel of the **Good News,** minister to the needs of others, and lead others to God and Christ. This does not mean to teach only certain people, or to help only certain people and it does not mean that when the going gets rough it is time to stop. Living a life for Christ requires hard work and many sacrifices with no promise of material wealth on this earth.

We see that because of Christ's self-denial and self-sacrifice, He was given a name above all names. He attained a new height. What greater reward could we get than eternal life in the kingdom of God!

If any man can say, **For me Jesus Christ is Lord,** and if he means that for him Jesus is unique; and that he is prepared to give Him a love, loyalty, and allegiance that he will give to no other person on the universe, then he is a Christian. **Can you say this?**

The Relative Values of Rugs and Religion

Funny thing about a rug. It has several possibilities as reasons for being a rug. It can hide worn floors. Or add beauty to the room in which it's used. It can keep feet warm or provide work for vacuum cleaner salesmen. It can contribute to conformity---most homes have rugs, after all.

Funny thing about religion, too. It has several possibilities as reasons for being religion for someone. It can hide worn morals (temporarily). Or add beauty to life. It can help keep those who espouse it comfortable. It certainly can provide work for ministers or contribute to conformity---more than sixty percent of Americans are religious, after all.

Puzzling thing about personal faith, though. It makes us more conscious of worn standards. And it points out real beauty is not man-made but man-copied from and with what God has already provided. And it keeps us aware that there are people who don't have rugs on their floors; who don't even have floors, for that matter! Personal faith provides work for the one possessing it. Neverending work. With personal faith, conformity in moral standards, economic responsibility or sources of security is difficult to maintain, as they are now accepted in our culture.

Rugs are easy to come by for most of us. Religion is equally easy to take up. But personal faith we do not obtain merely by saying "I'll have some of this personal faith!" and then getting some as we would with rugs or religion. Maybe this is why there are so many more rugs and so much more religion than there is personal faith.

. . . And The Dry Land Springs Of Water

By Linda Robbins

From every side Americans and concerned citizens in other lands are assailed with the fact that 2/3 of the world's people are hungry; most of these are malnourished; a great proportion are starving. It is virtually impossible to pick up the daily newspaper without noting the fresh and horrible statistics in bold, black headlines. But the nightmare of mass famine has a consort — thirst. Lack of food and lack of adequate water conspire to conceive the grim spector that is hunger.

Although 71% of the earth's surface is covered with water, only a comparatively small proportion of it is fresh and thereby suitable for growing crops and satisfying the thirst of man and beast. Inland peoples depend on fresh water for food for themselves and pasture for their animals. Where there is no water, there is no life. Yet, in areas that experience only marginal and sporadic rainfall, people are eking out a subsistance at the mere existence level, most unaware of the technologial advances that could free them from the gnaws of hunger and disease.

American voluntary service agencies, established to ease the pangs of a hungry world, have not failed to recognize the correlation between lack of food and lack of water. Church World Service and CROP, the CWS community food and self-help appeal, are working with other service agencies and groups of concerned men and women in countries hampered by the need for water, and are bringing parched lands to life by supporting water projects — wells, dams, irrigation, solar stills — with financial, technical and material gifts. CROP supplies windmills, food-for-wages for workers and seeds for planting after the water comes — all gifts of American farmers, business men, and families who care about the statistics that fill their newspapers.

Economically converting salt water to fresh has long been a goal of science. During the summer of 1964, Church World Service, under the auspices of Aqua Sol, Inc., built a solar still for the production of water for the island of Symi, Greece. A solar still is basically a large plastic "tea kettle" wherein the vapor from salt water is allowed to condense and is then drawn off as fresh potable water. Salt water is pumped nightly into lined ponds, covered with an air-supported sheet of plastic film. As the sun's rays pass through the sheet of film, the salt water is heated and vapor rises. The vapor in contact with the top film condenses and runs down to collection troughs where it is drawn off and collected in a fresh water sump. With each introduction of additional salt water, the concentrated brine residue is automatically flushed out to return to the sea. Maintenance requirements are extremely low and can be met by unskilled labor. The still at Symi produces 5,000 U. S. gallons of fresh water per day and can double as a rain catchment.

Three hundred villagers, with the prospects of CROP-donated food-for-wages as a powerful incentive to hungry people, undertook the back-breaking task of hewing irrigation canals from the rocky land with pick-axes, shovels, and crowbars. The women carried the concreting material on their backs from the road to the excavation — often a distance of over 400 yards. Wheel barrows were not available, nor could they have been utilized, because of the terrain.

The villagers contributed an equivalent of over 5,500 days of labor — every fifth day worked without pay as a demonstration of their willingness to give of themselves. The Greek government furnished cement, pipe, and pumps. In 1964 400-year-old Turkish drains were discovered in the valley and the project was expanded to include winter drainage into these outlets.

Hundreds of acres of heretofore unarable land now produces food for the people of the villages. But this is not the only achievement. The people of many such villages throughout Greece, who have been aided in self-help projects such as this, have learned the value of cooperation. Now a working element in the matrix of brotherhood and concern, many venture beyond the confines of their villages to offer their assistance to other poor communities plagued by similar problems.

ON THE EDGE

Guest preacher at **Monticello United Church of Christ** on August 15 was Mr. Jerry Cameron, Elon College senior and president of the student body this coming year.

Rev. Lloyd Sechriest, pastor of the Timberville, Virginia charge was the guest speaker at **Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville** on the 15th. Mr. Sechriest is a son of the Heidelberg congregation.

Rev. Billy Joe Leonard, pastor of **Mt. Hope United Church of Christ,** was preacher at **St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Greensboro** for several Sundays in July and August.

WILSON L. BUSICK TO ASHEVILLE

The Reverend Wilson L. Busick has accepted a call to become pastor and teacher for the First Congregational Church of Asheville. He and his family moved to Asheville around August 20 to settle in their new home. He will preach his first sermon at the church on September 5.

Mr. Busick is a graduate of the College of Charleston and Southeastern Theological Seminary. He formerly served as pastor of the United Church of Christ in Pfafftown, N. C. The Busick's have two children, Wilson and Katherine.

HANK'S CHAPEL REVIVAL

The Rev. Earl T. Farrell of Bayside United Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia, was guest minister for revival services at Hank's Chapel Church, Pittsboro, for the week of August 8-13th. The pastor of Hank's Chapel Church is the Rev. B. J. Willett. The Friends Quartet of Sanford, The Pilgrimettes Quartet of Hank's Chapel, the Rev. Charles Clanton of Emmaus Church, and the Hank's Chapel Choir provided the special music for the services. On Wednesday evening Miss Brenda Bland gave her life to full time Christian service for Christ as minister of Christian Education. The Rev. Earl Farrell and Miss Bland both come from Hank's Chapel. Mr. Willett presented a Bible to Miss Bland in remembrance of the step she has taken. Best wishes are extended to Miss Bland as she prepares for her service in Christian Education.

1965 Travel Seminar Log
From Notes By The Young People

July 18—Met at Moonelon camp to get acquainted; find out what to expect.

July 19—Loaded cars and left around 8 o'clock; ate lunch on farm; got to Washington and climbed Washington Monument; then went to Silversprings, Maryland, and the Christ Congregational Church where we separated and went to individual homes.

July 20—Met at Church and proceeded to Washington National Cathedral; then went to Marysville, Penn., where we had an old fashioned cookout on a deserted farm.

July 21—Went to National Office of United Church of Christ in Philadelphia; then to Lansdale, Penn., to Schwenfelder Church; met two girls who attended P.F. Officers' Camp at Moonelon.

July 22—Had old fashioned buffet breakfast at Schwenkfelder Church; then to Hartford, Conn.; met Reverend Ramstead at Horace Bushnell Congregational Church; had a little dance and refreshments; then to homes of hosts.

July 23—Reverend Ramstead takes us on tour and explanation of the Church's program concerning youth as well as aged; went on tour of Coffee House and Mark Twain's home; then went to Framingham Congregational Center in Framingham, Mass., where we were to stay for three days; found a restaurant which became our regular home for the weekend.

July 24—Early to rise; toured Prudential Life Insurance Building in Boston; rode crowded subway; Mugsy, our "Fearless Leader," lead us on a Freedom Trail along which the sights were varied including such places as Old South meeting house, grave of Paul Revere, and market square full of smelly vegetable carts; back on subway, went to Fenway Park to see Red Sox vs. Angels play an American league baseball game; short walk back to subway proved impossible when a few stopped for souvenirs in the middle of about 10,000 fans. Sang all the way back to the Conference Center. After short rest and dinner we went shopping. Then back to Center.

July 25—It seemed there was no church in Boston that had service after 10 o'clock but we finally found Grace Congregational. Sunday night was our first real night together so we went to play putt-putt, bowling, and had a fabulous dinner at MacDonalds. Later, back at the Center we had a surprise birthday party for one of the boys.

July 26—Rose early and left Center at 5 o'clock for Cape Cod. We collected rocks, boys went swimming, and girls found beach suitable for sleep. Then we went to piers of Cape Cod where we had a race around the waters of the Cape in 2 speed boats. Then we were given a slightly stretched 15 minutes for shopping. We arrived two hours late at Cheshire so we missed a fine cookout.

Some of the twelve Travel Seminar participants, from left to right: Pat Holland (Norfolk), Rev. L. T. Wilkins, Jr. (Liberty), Sue Harder (Greensboro), Hal Coble (Liberty), and Blake Monroe (Suffolk).

July 27—Left to work our way toward Maryland and maybe Virginia; went to New York through the Riverside Church and had an unusual tour; then the trip home became more and more impossible. A flat tire and empty gas tank outside the George Washington Bridge made one car lose the other and we frantically looked for it. Somewhere in Maryland we picked up the other car and started looking for a motel. It seemed that there was no room for us and even the idea of sleeping in the car crossed our minds. We came all the way into Norfolk by 12:30 and thanks to one of the Norfolk girls we all bunked up in her house.

July 28—Now came the moment we dreaded; we traded the goodbyes and the tears. It seemed that we all wanted to start again because we all had so much fun and it was such a wonderful experience. A reunion is being planned for the group around Christmas.

Operation Icebreaker

Since the last listing of groups sharing in the 1965 Pilgrim Fellowship project to raise funds for the installation of heaters in the cabins at Moonelon, the following have participated: Greensboro CUCC Pilgrim Bible Class (20.00); South Norfolk PF (21.67); Rosemont PF (20.00); Greensboro CUCC Women's Fellowship (120.00); Burlington First PF (28.90); Youth Forum (16.76); NC & Va. PF (200.00). The total received to date amounts to $765.79. If your group hasn't yet shared in this project, now is the time!

Keeping An Eye...

With the evenings growing shorter that vast assembly, The TV Watchers, are once again taking their accustomed places. By next summer many of them will have logged up another 1,000 hours of TV viewing. That's a big piece of a lieftime and its got to have an effect one way or another. Television viewing can be part of the fuller life. It can also be a symptom of an empty one.

Every one who is interested in where he's headed, and every parent who is interested in the direction his children are headed, ought to occasionally take the time to examine his TV viewing habits. And so, for those with this concern, here is a test by which to measure your TQ, your Television Quotient.

—During week days is your set usually on at least 3 hours daily?

—Do you spend an hour at serious reading for every 3 hours of TV viewing?

—Do you usually refer to a television program schedule rather than merely flip the dial around to the best thing on?

—Did you give occasional attention to one of the serious program series last year . . . SLATTERY'S PEOPLE, THE DEFENDERS, EAST SIDE/WEST SIDE, PROFILES IN COURAGE, THE XEROX SPECIALS ON THE U. N.?

—Do you occasionally make it a point to watch the network religious broadcasts on Sunday . . . FRONTIERS OF FAITH (NBC 1:30-2), LAMP UNTO MY FEET, LOOK UP AND LIVE (CBS 10-11), DIRECTIONS (ABC 1-1:30)?

—Do you tune in your local educational channel at least once a week?

—Have you written a letter of praise or criticism to a station or a sponsor during the last year?

—Do you sometimes turn off the set following a significant program to either discuss it or to think about it?

—From time to time do you pause (perhaps with your family) to consider how your TV viewing habits might be improved?

If you answered NO to not more than three of these questions, you have the upper hand — but don't get over-confident. If you answered NO to five or more of them, you don't have a TV set — It has **you,** and you are badly in need of a burned out tube pending a more personal adjustment.

And now let's look at what seems to be some of the more significant TV programs coming up during October . . .

The Church and the Arts are getting back together again . . . which is as it should be. Dante once said, "Art is to God like a nephew." For example, at Stoney Point, N. Y., the Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a summer theatre. In a New York City TV series a minister opened each program with a series of clips from a feature film which he proceeded to discuss with a panel of young people. There are church sponsored coffee houses in a number of cities. Through chancel drama, the sacred dance and modern masses the faith of our fathers is being expressed in the idiom of today. Yes, fresh breezes are blowing into many musty corners of the church these days.

"How many times must a man turn his head — And pretend he just doesn't see?" So sings Bobby Dylan in coffee houses, concert halls and record studios . . . but not in churches.

> I thank you god for most this amazing day
> for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
> and for a true blue dream of sky
> and for everything which is infinite which is natural
> which is yes . . .
>
> so wrote the agnostic poet, E. E. Cummings.

And an unchurched filmer such as Federico Fellini has in LA STRADA succeeded in doing what "10,000 talkers whose tongues were all broken" (Dylan) have attempted in vain. All around are these preachments from unexpected pulpits.

Service Of Recognition And Installation For B. J. Willett At Hank's Chapel

A Service of Recognition of Ordination and Installation was held at Hank's Chapel Christian Church in Pittsboro on Sunday, August 1, for the Reverend Billy Joe Willett.

Participants in this 7:30 service included the Reverends Don Leonard (sermon), Dr. F. C. Lester (recognition of ordination), Avery Brown (covenant of installation), William Everhart (installation prayer), Everette Neese (charge to the minister), Lafayette Wilkins (presentation of the Bible), Lacy M. Presnell, Sr. (charge to the church).

Following the service a reception was held in the fellowship hall for Mr. Willett, who has been pastor of the Hank's Chapel Church since 1963.

New Guide For Youth Group Programs

To be ready in a few weeks, a new guide to assist young people and adults in the planning of youth fellowship programs is being prepared by Rev. Richard N. Rinker and A. Johnnie Massey at the Southern Convention office. This guide will include more than 250 resource listings classified according to the five program areas noted in The Plan For The Youth Ministry. Recreation, worship, and group work are the segments of programming covered. Special listings for adult workers are included.

Also to be a part of this guide will be a section on methods usable with young people. Eight basic kinds of methods will have nearly fifty variations suggested to provide a wide variety of presentations. This guide will be sent to ministers and youth leaders.

. . . On The Arts

We in the church today must not regard it as a fortress where we mobilize and from which we make forays into enemy territory. As Bishop Robinson has written, "The house of God is primarily the world in which God lives, not the contractor's hut set up on the grounds." We must allow the world to have its own forms, its songs, dances, films, TV programs . . . and let us join with our appreciation when we can. But let us also know that we have a right and an obligation to interpret all these aspects of our culture in ways which will often recognize more profound meanings and implications in them than their own creators are able to see.

And now let us see where we might join with various fellowships of appreciation during this month . . . .

Oct. 3—NBC (6:30-7:30) AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL (Color). The deterioration of our big cities and the destruction of our natural resources . . . the proliferation of the automobile and the deterioration of the suburbs. Featured cities are Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, New Haven, Boston and Dallas. The producer is Ted Yates. Chet Huntley narrates. A guide suggesting the way in which this Sunday evening broadcast might be integrated into a program unit for church groups is available from The St. Clement's Film Ass'n, 777 U. N. Plaza, New York City.

Oct. 3—ABC (1-1:30) JONAH AND GOD. The shrinking world. Other programs in this DIRECTIONS series titled **Great Prophetic Confrontations:** Oct. 10, Amos and Amaziah. A prophet disturbs a priest. Oct. 17, Elijah and Ahab. Rights of Man . . . Capitol punishment. Oct. 24, David and Nathan. Totalitarianism.

Oct. 16—NBC (12-12:30) FIRST LOOK. This is the first program of a series designed to stimulate the imagination of children 4-12 by introducing them to the world we live in . . . based on the FIRST BOOK series.

Oct. 16—NBC 12:30-1) EXPLORING. This program directly follows FIRST LOOK and is for older children. The subject for the year is American History 1665 to 1965.

Oct. 17—NBC. (1:30-2) THE DEATH OF IVAN ILYCH, a dramatization of the Tolstoy short story which is an outstanding example of "existentialist" literature. This program in the ENCOUNTER series is produced in cooperation with The National Council of Catholic Men.

Oct. 20—NBC (7:30-9) EAGLE IN A CAGE. A Hallmark play. Trevor Howard plays Napoleon during his last days on St. Helena.

Oct. 20—CBS (10-11) A BARBARA STREISAND SPECIAL (Repeated)

Oct. 22—ABC (10-11) TEEN-AGE REVOLUTION. A broad rather than deep treatment.

Oct. 30—ABC (9:30-10:30) JIMMY DURANTE MEETS THE LIVELY ARTS. With the dancer, Nureyev.

And on the Big Screens, These Films are Recommended—

THE AGONY AND THE ECSTASY. From the best selling novel about Michaelangelo. SHIP OF FOOLS. A world on shipboard mirrors the world of the 30's . . . and 60's. MY FAIR LADY. An outstanding musical in every way. SOUND OF MUSIC. A fine musical particularly for children. THE MAGNIFICENT MEN IN THEIR FLYING MACHINES. Best of the BIG comedies. HELP! The Beatles, Britain's leading export, and far above the ordinary Rock and Roll Group. If you suspect that you're too square, take a teen ager along and get loosened up. THE PARABLE, the outstanding film shown at the Protestant Pavilion at the World's Fair, will be available for rental after Oct. 17. Color. 22 minutes. $35. ($10 deposit) Write: The Protestant Council, 475 Riverside Drive, New York City 27.

And Remember, When in Doubt . . .

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Building In Bhawanipatna

"Christian community constantly finds opportunities to witness and work among no-Christian friends and neighbors."

One of the joys of a growing and witnessing Church which we want to report to you about is the completion of the church building in Bhawanipatna. It was dedicated on the 1st Sunday in May by the Moderator of our Church Council, the Rev. M. D. Wany. The congregation worked hard for the completion of the structure and we anticipate the building to be a real symbol of the Christian Church in Bhawanipatna. We also pray that the congregation may continue to be strengthened through this joint effort. Bhawanipatna is the district headquarters and the Christian community constantly finds opportunities to witness and work among non-Christian friends and neighbors.

From: **Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Schneider,** India

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Most men mean well, attempt a little, and fail a lot.

—**A Christmas Sermon,** Dickens

Looking Back

"During the month of July Miss Bouneva Farlow, a member of our Sophia Church and an attendant at the Greensboro, First, Church during her Woman's College days (where she is a rising senior) worked in the Eutaw community. She was the director of a two week's Bible school, and did recreational work as well as visiting. The Reverend Warren Matthews, graduate of Elon College and a student at Hartford Seminary, member of our Greensboro, First, Church is working in Fayetteville for the month of August. He has been centering his activities on community survey work and visiting and has assisted in several of the worship services. He will be the acting minister there for the next several weeks. Both of these young people, provided for by Student Summer Service funds of the denomination, have done an excellent job in Eutaw, proving themselves willing to tackle any job that was suggested and adapting themselves to the needs of the work there."

—From the August 20, 1953 issue of **The Christian Sun**

(Editor's note: Bouneva Farlow is now the wife of the Rev. William T. Joyner, pastor of the First United Church of Christ in Portsmouth. Warren Matthews has just come to The Christian Temple to serve as its minister.)

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Workshop Experiences

Dear Friends:

Again this summer, as in other summers, several of our housemothers had the opportunity to attend the Workshop for Houseparents sponsored by the School of Social Work in co-operation with the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina. Those attending were Mrs. Roxie Walton and Mrs. Eula Aiken. Both of these housemothers joined our staff during the past year. This is one of the opportunities given to our staff to better equip themselves to better serve as housemother for those in our care.

Your superintendent and his assistant, John D. Biggerstaff, also had the opportunity to attend the Workshop for Executives and other administrative personnel which is also sponsored by the School of Social Work in co-operation with the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina. These are always enlightening workshops. Not only do we get new ideas from the consultants, but we have opportunity to talk with people from other institutions and share together new ideas as well as ways and means of accomplishing various tasks with which we are faced.

This year, Mr. Biggerstaff had as his consultant, Miss Eva Burneister, who is a professor at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Among other outstanding books is her book entitled, "The Professional Houseparent." His workshop was on "The Whole Institution as a Treatment Team."

I had the opportunity of having as my consultant for my workshop Miss Dorothy Fritz, Executive Director, Youth Services, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This workshop was on "Experiences with the Off-Campus Cottage and Group Home." In the afternoon we had a number of interesting sessions on various subjects of interest to those in child care.

Also, this week Mr. Hansel Hollingsworth, who is an associate to Dr. Allan Keith-Lucas, Director of our Group Child Care Project told us of plans for the establishment of a child care information center on the campus of the University of North Carolina. This center will be most helpful towards having a better program in child care in that we will have a central place to which we can look for information on child care.

All in all, these workshops are very enlightening and are an intricate part of our finding new ways to do a better job with those who are entrusted to our care.

Sincerely yours,

Walstein W. Snyder

GOLDEN AGE CLUB AT MT. ZION

Fourteen members of the Golden Age Club shared in a party held on Sunday, August 1, at Mt. Zion United Church of Christ in Mebane. With the seventy people present, they sang some old songs and participated in a short devotional service led by the junior class of the church school. The pastor of the church, Rev. John W. Wilder, and Dr. W. W. Snyder, supply pastor during the interim between ministers, offered brief meditations. Supper followed and gifts were presented to the members of the Golden Age Club.

REPORT FOR AUGUST 2, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 247.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	13.00
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	157.00
Total	$ 417.00
Special Offerings	
New Hope Christian Church, Louisburg, N. C.	10.00
Mr. John Craddock, Gibsonville, N. C. For: Shoes	20.00
New Hope Christian Church, Roanoke, Alabama	10.00
Mrs. Iris L. Holt McEwen, Burlington, N. C.	200.00
First Cong. Church, Sunday School, Roanoke, Ala.	14.60
Memorial Gifts	
In Memory of Mr. William Scoggins	
In Memory of Miss Nanie Weldon	
In Memory of Mr. John D. Messick	
In Memory of Mr. W. H. Holderness	
In Memory of Mr. R. L. Fonville	
Total Memorial Gifts	15.00
Special Offerings	412.90
Total	
Total for the Week	$1,099.50

REPORT FOR AUGUST 9, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 113.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	6.00
Western North Carolina Conference	154.00
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	111.42
Total	$ 384.42
Special Offerings	
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bradley, Mebane, N. C.	130.00
Mt. Zion Christian Church, Eclipse, Va. Bible School	15.00
Sophia Christian Church, Sophia, N. C. Young People's Class	10.00
Pembroke Manor Community Church, Va. Beach, Va. Charles Pegram Bible Class	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington, N. C.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. Marvin Whitley, Suffolk, Va.	10.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. Garland Vance Newlin	
In Memory of Mr. James M. Cates, Sr.	
In Memory of Mrs. Edith McPherson Spencer	
In Memory of Mrs. Harry E. Sadler	
In Memory of Mr. R. L. Fonville	
In Memory of Mr. Joseph P. Kelly	
In Memory of Mr. I. L. Nance	
In Memory of Mr. T. J. Tuck	
Total Memorial Gifts	45.00
Special Offerings	1,256.88
Total	$1,486.88
Total for the Week	$1,871.30

New Faculty Members At Elon

President J. Earl Danieley announces that with the opening of the 1965-66 fall semester the following faculty members will begin their duties at Elon College:

Dewey V. Andrew, A. B., M. Ed., Instructor of Mathematics. Mr. Andrew, who is a 1963 graduate of Elon College, will teach mathematics and assist with the coaching duties in basketball.

Malvin N. Artley, Mus. B., Mus. M., D.F.A., Associate Professor of Music. Dr. Artley has had seven years college teaching experience and twelve years experience in the public schools of Florida, Georgia and North Carolina. He organized and developed the string program of the Burlington City School System and most recently was head of the orchestra department of the Greensboro City Schools.

F. Dale Bridgewater, A.B., Assistant Professor of German. Mr. Bridgewater has studied in Germany and is completing the course work for the Ph. D. in German at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Gene A. Featherstone, Mus. B., Mus. M., Assistant Professor of Music. Mr. Featherstone has had seven years college teaching experience, including three years at Atlantic Christian College. He has done additional graduate work toward the doctorate in piano at Northwestern University.

Albert B. Gminder, A.B., M.A., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Languages. Dr. Gminder is a native of Salisbury and a graduate of Catawba College. He received the Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina in 1959. For the past six years he has been teaching at Ohio Northern University.

Charles W. Harper, Jr., B.S., M.A., Assistant Professor of Social Sciences. Mr. Harper has completed a doctoral program at Colorado State College and will receive the degree in August. He will teach history, geography, and the methods course for prospective teachers in the social science field.

Allene B. Hassell, A.B., M.Ed., Consultant in Teacher Education. Mrs. Hassell taught fourteen years in the elementary schools of Kinston, North Carolina. She has served for the past eighteen years as director of guidance and high school curriculum in the Durham County Schools. She is co-author of the book, "Personnel Analysis and Future Planning."

Edmund A. Moore, A.B., M.A., Ph.D., Professor of History and Chairman of the Department of Social Sciences. Dr. Moore, who earned his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, served from 1932 to 1958 as Professor of History and Chairman of the Department of History at the University of Connecticut. He has most recently been visiting Professor of American History at California State College.

Allen B. Sanders, B.S., M.B.A., Assistant Professor of Business Administration. Mr. Sanders is retiring with the rank of Captain at the age of 47 after 23 years service in the United States Navy.

Edith S. Stevens, A.B., M.A., M.Ed., Assistant Professor of French. Mrs. Stevens has had 21 years teaching experience on the high school and college levels. She has taught Spanish and French.

Bennett Williamson, B.A., M.Ed., Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education. Mr. Williamson, who was an outstanding football player of Wake Forest College, will teach in the Physical Education Department and serve as Assistant Football Coach. He has served as teacher and coach at New Bern High School.

Faculty Notes

Dr. Konstantinas Avizonis, who was on leave of absence during the last academic year while serving as Visiting Professor of East European and Russian History at the University of Kansas, has returned to the campus and will resume his teaching duties in September.

Francis A. Berces, who has just completed a master's degree in English at Wake Forest College has been named Assistant Professor of English.

Howard P. Bozarth, former minister of the Elon College Community Church and member of the faculty of the Yankton College School of Theology, will serve as Lecturer in Religion during the coming academic year.

Dr. Roy Epperson, who was on leave last year to complete his graduate studies, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of the Pacific. He was the recipient of a grant from the National Science Foundation for this period of study. Dr. Epperson returned to his teaching duties beginning with the second term of the current summer session.

Professor Virginia A. Epperson, who was on leave last year to accompany her husband to California, will resume her teaching in the Department of Education and Psychology in the fall.

Dr. Theo Strum, Dean of Women, received the degree of Doctor of Philisophy at the University of North Carolina at the annual commencement in June.

Mrs. Tessie Z. Taylor, former member of the business education faculty, will return to part-time teaching duties in September.

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

In Indonesia

"What are we doing here?"

Sometimes we tend to ask ourselves, "What are we doing here? Why the crash party? If we as Americans are not wanted here, why not just go home?" And then something happens that emphasizes the importance of this school and the role it is playing in providing leadership to the Christian movement in Indonesia. Last weekend Myles went about 40 miles up in the mountains to attend a conference of Christian intellectuals. Officially the conference was the guest of the local Christian church. There are three congregations in that area, two of which are new Christians, having entered Christianity within the past two years. They were very simple, poor people with almost no education. They are farmers of unfertile, arid land. This year because of the very heavy rains their corn crop failed. For the last two months they have had almost nothing to eat except some root-potatoes and bananas. Soon it will be harvest season for the rice crop and hopefully they will start eating better. This time of the year is always thin for them.

Representatives of these two congregations were given a chance to speak a few words at the conference. Dressed in short pants and a sarong, unable to speak the Indonesian language, they spoke the Bugis dialect through an interpretor. They said they didn't have any contribution to make to their guests (meaning the conference), not in food or in money or comforts. They couldn't even speak their language. But they did know that Jesus Christ is their Savior and they could witness to what He had done in their lives as they live as a tiny minority in the midst of a Muslim society.

It was a moving and humbling experience to hear them tell how their homes have been burned, their bamboo church building burned, and how they have been subjected to other kinds of pressures. Like Paul, they knew nothing and had nothing but Jesus Christ. And isn't that what the church is all about?

Their interpretor was their pastor, Makatona, a graduate of this school. He has been working among them for the past two years and already has trained elders. The conference took up an offering amounting to about forty-five dollars (but considerably more than that in buying power) to help them over this difficult period. Makatona told me that when they had first become Christians they were surprised to learn that there were Christians in other parts of Indonesia and other countries in the world. For them the world ends with the city of Makassar.

From **The Rev. and Mrs. Myles Walburn,** Indonesia

The Mission of the Church is a vital, moving witness . . .

SUPPORT IT

Pierce College

". . . sea water to fresh water . . ."

Pierce's college division recently received approval from its Board of Trustees to go ahead with plans for making its degree program in social work, business administration, and the liberal arts (the college now offers degrees in English literature, history, economics, sociology and psychology) four years instead of three. To us the really encouraging thing about the college division is that the quality and enthusiasm of both its faculty and students has improved greatly during the three years we have been here. We think it has a bright future and a great offering to make to Greece in providing young women trained in fields important for national development. Next year the college division will experiment with a "language house" where promising village girls who wish to study social work but know no English will live and study the language for a year on scholarship.

While we have been reading about tragic tornado and flood damage in the Middle West, Greece has been having some of its worst earthquakes in years, principally in the Pelopponese, where many have died and whole villages have been left homeless. The students at Pierce organized a relief drive and have collected over $600 to send to one of these villages.

Church World Service, the U. S. National Council of Churches agency which Newell Steward headed before he became supervisor for World Council of Churches development teams in Greece last year, recently helped to build a system for converting sea water to fresh water through solar energy on one of the Aegean islands. The project was very successful and conversion systems are now being planned for several of the other Greek islands which, like this one, are dry and have had to transport water from other islands in huge plastic tubes at a high cost.

From **Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bushley,** Greece

"And Ye Would Not"

There is only one way to peace. It is for all of us, both preachers and people, to practice what we have told the world we believe. The way is very straight and very narrow: straight from my heart to the heart of my neighbor — or my enemy, narrow as our needs — mine and his. There is no room for frills while my neighbor goes naked, for extras while half the world is hungry, for entertainment while my enemy is sick and in prison. Practicing what we preach means caring for **all** the desparate needs of the world before catering to our own individual desires. There is no other, cheaper, way to peace.

Not only would this road bring peace to the world; it would bring peace to our millions of tortured minds and hearts torn between Christian belief and pagan behavior. It can heal the schism of the Christian soul. We shall grow in spiritual stature as we outgrow the hypocrisy that allows us to enjoy all little luxuries Americans love, while half the world lives from birth to death without medical care, prays each day to the only God they know for daily bread — but in vain, and remain in total ignorance of the friendly universe we say we believe in.

The world — and we — will be made whole whenever we quit making excuses, such as: "America can't take care of the whole world without lowering our standard of living," and start practicing what we preach. We will do it — or else! It is a question of our own survival.

Well, when do we start?

MRS. W. W. SLOAN

The Beginnings

Of A Philisophy For The Youth Ministry Concept

An understanding of the Youth Ministry concept depends on an understanding of the church. If the church is seen as a kind of religious benefit society, with dues-paying members, nominal organization, self-centered in its perspective, with membership benefits bestowed (baptism, marriage, funerals, and comfort), and occasional attendance on a non-compulsory basis at the regularly-schedule Sunday morning meetings — if this is the church — then the church's relationship to youth means communicating the unenforcable rules for belonging to the society. It means providing facilities as reasonably as possible to help keep the young people "off the streets." It means beginning the stereotype-formation which religious benefit societies maintain for their members, a stereotype which includes unchangable ways of performing the religious activities, pious phrases, and the unswerving assurance that the church is an adult institution. In such an image of the church, young people are "the church of tomorrow." It is to such a religious benefit society that too many adults belong and into which too many young people will be taken.

If **the church is seen as a community of faith,** in which religious experiences occupy one segment of the church's life; with growing individuals; with a mutually supportive relationship among its communicants; with an outward-look instead of a self-centered stare; with a concern for ministering to others more firmly implanted in the purposes of its fellowship than the concern for being served; with a sense of real need for the regular sharing in the physical, intellectual and spiritual life of the community of faith — if this is the church — then the church's ministry with youth becomes something exciting and redemptive. It is within such a community of faith that the Youth Ministry concept has its greatest opportunities. When even a few envision the church as this kind of community, and if some of these few become involved in the church's relationships with young people, then **it is quite conceivable that something dynamic and regenerative** can begin to happen which would have its influence on that church.

The Youth Ministry becomes less of a working **on** young people and more of a working **with** them, in this perspective. This means that the church, as it actively ministers to **all** of its community of those growing in faith, ministers to its young people. To do this, it (and as we speak of the church as "it" we must remember that the "it" is people) needs to become aware of the needs of the young people. **The church must discover how to communicate to them the witness for which it exists, and which is their's to share.** There must be hard work to find ways for making the gospel clearly relevant to their culture.

The church, as it actively ministers to all of its constituency (member and non-member) requires that this ministering be done by the constituency itself. Since young people are a part of the church **now,** and sharers in this same obligation to minister to others' needs insofar as they are able, **the church must realistically appraise the potentialities of its young people and provide avenues through which the ministry by young people can occur.**

Among the potentialities of youth in this regard are two which are particularly worthy of note. The first is co-existent with a fact disturbing to many adults: young people have not settled into the ruts of behavior or thought into which adults are prone to thrust young people. Because this is true about them, young people have fresh and frequently significant ways of responding to their own, and others', needs. Such vitality is basic to the spirit of the Youth Ministry. **They should be encouraged to discover new ways and how old truths are not confined in old patterns.**

The second potentiality also has a co-existent factor along with it. While it is true that young people demand the right not to fall into the contemporary adult ruts without question, it is also true that young people recognize their "in-betweeness." They are, and they know that they are, caught in the process of maturity from childhood to adulthood. That process is the years of youth and all this involves. Because this is true about their awareness at this point, they expect guidance from adults when they, the young people, want it. They want the right to learn by making mistakes. And they need adults with the forgiving grace to guide them before and after the mistakes are made. The word for this is mutuality. The respect of young people for the experience and wisdom of adults as persons, and the respect of adults for youth's vitality and new discoveries. Respect for young people as persons. **This, in the Youth Ministry, projects an image of the adult members of the Youth Ministry functions not as puppetmasters but as map makers capable of suggesting alternatives within the bounds of Christian faith and practice, without eliminating the adventure of making choices.**

Within the community of faith, the Youth Ministry concept reaches into every area of possible relationships between the church and its young people. Contrary to misunderstandings by some, the Youth Ministry is not just another name for the Sunday evening youth group. It is concerned with the totality of the church's ministry with youth. The hope is to minister to youth, and encourage young people to share in the ministering witness of the church in every way possible according to their maturity and abilities.

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Bible distribution which began in 1808 in the United States by locally-organized societies is now conducted in almost every state under the nationwide program of the American Bible Society.

The Bible Store founded 155 years ago by the Pennsylvania Bible Society has operated for the past 110 years at 7th and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, Penn.

The American and Canadian Bible Societies represent two of the 27 national Bible Societies who will hold a world meeting in New York in May 1966 in connection with the 150th Anniversary of the American Society.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Left, Right, Left, Right

Religion and politics seem to become overlapping and confusing without a strong effort to identify which ideas are misplaced, which ones are being distorted and bent to fit preconceived philosophies, and which are being used with honesty and validity.

Talk of left- and right-wings, of liberals and conservatives, of extremists, of patriotism and the religious --- all become muddled with loaded words, emotionalism, stereotypes and half-truths. Nowhere is Christian love and charity more needed than in the translation and understanding of faction philosophies and their relationship to Christian truth.

The impression is often given by some that all liberals are left-wingers which, in today's scale of values, means Marxist or sympathetic to communism. Regarding the opposite end of the religious-political scale, there are those who have come to believe that all conservatives are right wingers, which identifies them with the John Birch group, or the Klan, or one of the so-called "Christian" factions of the same ilk.

It is an easy matter to fall into either fallacy. We need to remember that the religious-political scene is not one or the other --- right wing or left wing. These are the extremes. The mainstream is made up of conservatives and liberals, of varying sorts, who are neither hate-oriented nor inclined toward the use of ways and means abhorrent to Christians. Liberals and conservatives who can work at reformation and renewal within the context of the existing religious or political structure in God-centered ways and in the spirit of Christian love. Their purpose is creative and constructive. Their methods are methods of intelligent appraisal and honest self-examination. In conversation and respect for each other these liberals and conservatives can criticize and examine ideas without fear or malice. Confusing this mainstream with the extremists is like confusing the flowing river with occasional patches of quicksand along the river edges.

The extremists act not from love, but from hate. They find support not in intelligent appraisal but in ignorance. They operate not with dependable standards of trust and honesty, but with fear and bigotry. Their concern is not with reformation from within a society in which they believe, but with revolution and the establishment of new norms in society based on unchristian ideals.

It is the responsibility of the mainstream of religion and political life, to which most Americans belong, to bring truth where truth has been misrepresented; peace where there has been turmoil; challenges where loudness, crassness and fanaticism have enforced perverted ideas of religious and political ideals. Most of all, the need is for love and charity in the face of hatred and bigotry.

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Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go
My daily labor to pursue,
Thee, only thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned,
O, let me cheerfully fulfill,
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand
Whose eyes my inmost substance see;
And labor on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
And ev'ry moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day.

Charles Wesley, 1749

LABOR SUNDAY 1965

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
/KJ

For what can a man give in return for his life?
/RSV

What can he give to buy that self back?
/New English

How tragic it would be if suddenly someone were to prove indisputably that the soul and the mind are the same thing in man. Traditionally, man has been imagined as a creature of three parts somehow united — body, mind, and soul. The body most base; the mind somewhere between the physical and the intellectual; the soul, pure and of God.

Busy as we are filling our minds with trash, self-satisfaction, lust, greed, prejudices, and purposeless drival, the nature of the soul seems rather neglected. Woe be unto us, if soul and mind **are** one!

Though they may not be, the fact remains that a relationship exists between man's mind and his soul. Perhaps scars are inflicted by impure thoughts. Or it may be that growth is "stunted" and the soul is unfit to reap the joys of eternal life. Here, mayhap, is hell: an immature soul in the presence of God. A soul unable to fully claim the wonders and exultant splendor of the experience because it was inadequately nurtured or because it had been overloaded with junk-thoughts.

What, indeed, shall a man give in exchange for his immortal soul?

SHARE OUR SUBSTANCE - 1965

OCTOBER 3

For the first time in the history of the world man has the knowledge, skill, and natural resources to wipe the spectre of hunger from the earth. What man lacks is the compassion and the will to see and serve the starving majority of his brothers that co-inhabit this planet.

This same generation that can send pictures of the planet Mars through billions of miles of space; that can build machines to think swiftly and accurately, far beyond the ability of the wisest man; that can look into the mysteries of science and reveal marvels that are beyond the comprehension of most men; this same generation that has the ability to achieve so much, must be warned that unless it takes drastic remedial steps immediately, many countries will face catastrophic famine in the next five years.

The United Church of Christ, working with other churches, is aware of this pending tragedy and is sending food not only to feed the hungry, but to be used in payment for work that will help the hungry man become self-sufficient.

In 1964 each SOS dollar meant the distribution of 431 pounds of food in the name of Christ. The United Church of Christ provided Church World Service with enough funds to supply 4,256 box cars of flour, milk, butter, corn meal, beans, corn, and vegetable oils for the world's hungry people. This sounds impressive but it is really a very small amount compared to the need and is only a token of what we, as a church, could and should do.

In 1964 only 31 per cent of our churches participated in the Share Our Substance appeal through which we supported relief and rehabilitation. If you, as a Christian, are concerned for your hungry brothers, the SOS offering on October 3 will provide you with an opportunity to help. If your church does not participate in this all-church offering send your gifts for SOS directly to your conference treasurer.

Labor Sunday Message

A divine discontent of spirit and conscience must continue within us until we learn how to match people seeking employment with jobs seeking workers, declares the 1965 Labor Sunday Message of the National Council of Churches. To be read in churches on Labor Sunday, September 5, the Message deals with **maintaining the first line of defense against poverty,** and **the constant need for adjustment to change.**

The Message, prepared by the Commission on the Church and Economic Life, makes a strong plea for adequate minimum wage laws, opening doors to the handicapped and mentally retarded, and **greater justice in unemployment compensation.**

The commitment of Christians as well as all others in providing older people with the means of retiring **with dignity** and for the welfare of those on public assistance with special problems, is underscored in the Council's Message.

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Selfishness Or Christian Stewardship?

Christian stewardship should not be an unknown tongue for a Christian. A Christian, who is truly grateful in his salvation in Christ, should consider it only natural to give generously of his time, talent, and finances for the work of Christ and the Church.

Christian Stewardship is the term given to the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of Christians to the work of Christ. Willingness and generosity mark the **grateful** Christian in the Churches of the Southern Convention.

Selfishness should have no place in the life of the true Christian. Selfishness negates Christian Stewardship and robs the Christian of the joy of sharing. Selfishness cripples the work of Christ in the local church, in the Southern Convention, and in the worldwide outreach of the United Church of Christ.

Selfishness curtails our missionary personnel and program. Selfishness often begins with the expression "charity begins at home." Too often charity has a slow and hard beginning at home when selfishness prevails.

Tithing of the Christian's income is old fashioned but painfully Biblical. Tithing can be the beginning of systematic and proportionate sharing of our resources in God's work. After all, did not God first give us all?

To whom much is given, much is required. In an economy of plenty can the Christians in the Churches of the Southern Convention plead poverty? It was surely not for most of us that the Anti-Poverty Program of the Federal Government was conceived. In the light of an unprecedented prosperity and in the face of a God who freely gave His Son for our Salvation, dare we give God and the Church a pittance?

Our gift placed in the offering plate in our Church each week is a clear barometer of our love and gratitude. Jesus praised a woman who gave a small coin in his day because this was all she had. This was a barometer of her love and gratitude.

Was your gift placed in the offering plate last week? If Jesus had passed by and had seen your gift would He have praised or condemned?

Has your Church enrolled in the Every Church Visitation Program being conducted in Mid-September? This is a serious attempt to get at the meaning of Christian Stewardship and Commitment.

Clyde L. Fields

Rev. E. W. Barnes

Missions Speaker Available

Rev. Ernest W. Barnes, 124 Franklin Avenue, Brevard, North Carolina, is available to churches and groups of churches, to speak on **Our Christian World Mission** as it relates to our work in Latin American countries .

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Barnes have returned from a rather extended tour in Latin American countries and have a number of slides and information that would be helpful to churches regarding our work there. Local churches or groups of churches could arrange with Mr. Barnes for a block of time, in order to avail themselves of this first-hand information from our mission work in the Latin American countries.

Chairmen of Conference Committees on Missions or Stewardship would be well advised to arrange a schedule of visits by Mr. Barnes to churches on a pre-arranged schedule basis. This would make a worth-while project for Conference Committees. Women's Fellowship groups could well arrange with Mr. Barnes to share with them his observation on the success of our work among the Latin American countries.

Conference Chairmen, Women's Fellowship Program Committee, and others should immediately get in touch with Rev. Ernest W. Barnes, 124 Franklin Ave., Brevard, N. C. Churches and other groups should be prepared to take care of travel and overnight accommodations for Mr. Barnes if a visitation schedule is worked out with him.

The Mission of the Church is a vital, moving witness . . .

SUPPORT IT

Add Your Church To The List!

FULLY PAID APPORTIONMENTS!

Five churches of the Southern Convention now have fully paid their apportionments for **Our Christian World Mission**: Mebane; Pleasant Ridge at Guilford College; Spoon's Chapel; Rosemont; and Union Surrey.

These churches merit special note and commendation for their stewardship efforts and fine record.

A New Mathis Arrives!

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Mathis, Henderson, N. C., announce the birth of a son, John Patrick Mathis, born August 8, 1965. The readers of THE CHRISTIAN SUN send congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Harry Mathis and their new son.

Junior High Fellowship Resources

FOR LOCAL CHURCH GROUPS

LEADERSHIP & PROGRAMMING

Camping With Junior Highs (f) SCAV
Distinctive Climate of a Christian Group (CSW March 1965) (m)
Early Teens Program Pack (fp) 2.75 UCBS
- Bigger Than Both of Us, Eastman
- Called To Be, Braun
- Guide for Mission: The Christian's Calling

Guidance Series Booklets (p) 50c UCBS
- All About You
- Getting Along With Parents
- Guide To Good Manners
- High School Ahead
- How To Get Along With Others
- Let's Talk About Honesty
- Life With Brothers and Sisters
- Planning Your Job Future
- You and Your Problems

I Work With Junior Highs (f) SCAV
Junior High Age Group Chart (l) 5c CDS
Junior High Fellowship Meeting (Jr. Hi. Newsl. No. 13) 5c OLS
Junior High Kit No. 22 (b) 3.00 UCBS
The Junior High Ministry (Jr. Hi. Newsl. 9/63 issue) (l) 5c OLS
Know How For Leaders of Junior Highs (l) 25c EHBS
Program Planning With Junior Highs (Jr. Hi. Newsl. No. 2) 5c OLS
A Talk With Junior Highs (Physical Development) (rc) SCAV
The Teacher and Young Teens, Griffiths (b) 1.75 UCBS
Understanding & Working With Junior Highs (Jr. Hi. Newsl. No. 1) 5c OLS
With Junior Highs (High Fellowship Set) UCBS
Working With Junior Highs (Jr. Hi. Newsl. No. 9) 5c OLS
Young Adolescents in the Church (l) 1.00 OLS
The Youth Ministry Manual, Dewey (b) 1.50 UCBS

The Ministry With Junior Highs

The concern of the church with junior high young people is evidenced by the number of resources produced and recommended for use by leaders and the young people themselves. The following listing attempts to present some of the basic resource materials for use with this age level. It is by no means comprehensive. Leaders may wish to add this listing to the Youth Ministry Resource and Method Guide to be mailed out soon.

Most of the methods outlined in the Guide work effectively with junior highs, depending on their maturity and experiences in sharing in small group discussions. Experimentation with a variety of program methods will lead to an appreciation of which ways seem most usable with any particular group.

BIBLE AND FAITH

The Festival of Passover (f) SCAV
God Is At Work, Galusha (c) 75c DIVPUB
Here Begins the Gospel, Stone (c) 1.00 DIVPUB
Let Us Worship God, Galusha (c) 75c DIVPUB
Rebels and God, Libbey (c) 1.00 DIVPUB
Why I Belong, Reid (c) 1.00 DIVPUB
Wide As The World: Junior Highs & Missions, Griffiths (p) 1.95 UCBS

RECREATION

Choral Readings for Fun and Recreation, Heltman & Brown (p) 1.00 UCBS
Cokesbury Game Book, Depew (b) 2.95 UCBS
Fun and Festival Series (p) 75c UCBS
Fun With Brand New Games, MacFarland (b) 3.50 UCBS
Games for Boys and Girls, Harbin (p) 1.35 UCBS
Games of Many Nations, Harbin (b) 2.50 UCBS
Handy Games, Rohrbaugh (b) 3.00 UCBS
Recreation for Junior Highs (Jr. High Newsletter No. 12) (l) OLS 5c
Songs of Many Nations (p) SCAV 25c

JUNIOR HIGHMANSHIP

Developing Social Awareness (Jr. Hi. Newsl. No. 10) OLS 5c
Do You Dig Friendship? (f) SCAV
How to Live Through Junior High School, Johnson (b) 4.50 UCBS
Junior Highs and Their Parents (Jr. Hi. Newsl. No. 8) (l) 5c OLS

WORSHIP

Dear Father in Heaven, Schlesselman (p) 75c EHBS
Devotions for Junior Highs, Couch & Barefield (b) 1.75 UCBS
Prayers for Youth, Cavert (b) 1.25 UCBS
Worship Services for Junior Highs, Bays (b) 3.00 UCBS
Youth Talks With God, Brooke (b) 1.75 EHBS

Key For Resource List

b = Book
p = Paperback
l = Leaflet
f = Filmstrip
f p = Friendship Press
rc = Recording
m = magazine
c = Curriculum

UCBS = United Church Bookstore, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102
OLS = Office of Literature Sales, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102
SCAV = Southern Convention Audio Visuals, Box 336 Elon College 27244.
EHBS = Eden and Heidleberg Book Store, 1720 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, Missouri.
CWS = Church School Worker, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102
CDS = Central Distribution Service, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102
DIVPUB = Division of Publication, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.

A Letter From Your New Youth Page Editor

Hello, all of you Southern Convention P.F.'ers. I'm Ronnie White and I'm coming to you from Bethlehem Christian Church near Suffolk, Virginia.

This year I will be serving as Vice President of Southern Convention. I am looking forward to writing the Youth Page and working with all of you.

In my home church of Bethlehem I sing in the Youth Choir, help as an assistant leader in the Jr. Hi P.F., serve as a Sunday School teacher, and hold the office of President in my P.F. I will be serving as Treasurer of the Eastern Virginia Conference, too.

I will be attending Forest Glen High School where I will be a Senior this year. I am in the Beta Club and participate in athletics and other activities.

My hobby is Coin collecting. I also like to read and do some architectural drawing when I have the time. I have the greatest admiration for people with the qualities of honesty and sincerity of intentions, and for those people who are willing to open their hearts to those that are "different".

Yours in Christian Faith,
Ronnie

THE YOUTH MINISTRY RESOURCE AND METHOD GUIDE

To be mailed to ministers and key youth leaders next week, the RESOURCE AND METHOD GUIDE, a tool for better programs in youth groups, has been completed and was distributed to those present at the Youth Ministry Conference at Blowing Rock.

This Guide contains more than 275 resource references divided by program areas as suggested by the Plan for the Youth Ministry booklet: Faith, Fellowship, Witness, Outreach, and Citizenship. The resources include filmstrips, books, leaflets, drama, recreation helps, worship aids, records, and paperbacks.

Following the resource section in this sixteen-page booklet, there are ideas for stimulating discussions in programming, with details for planning and carrying out such things as creative expression groups, drama forms, and more than forty variations. Addresses and costs for ordering helps are included.

Two U.N. Seminars For Youth

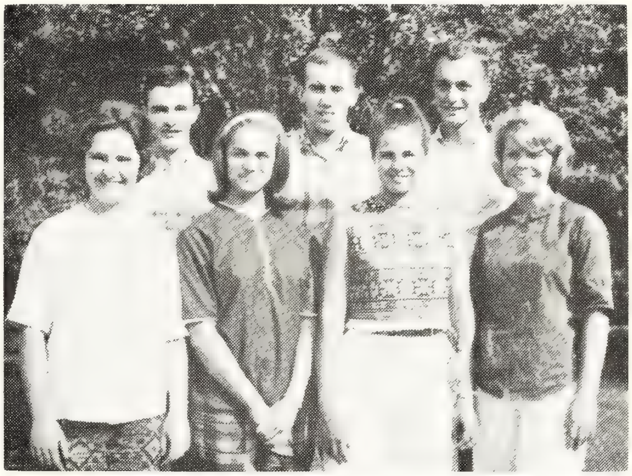
The Youth Ministry Staff and the Council for Christian Social Action will jointly sponsor two UN Seminars for Youth. The Fall Seminar will be from November 8-10; the Spring Seminar will be from April 18-20. Each Seminar will offer an opportunity for young people to explore the role of the United Nations in a world of revolution. More information may be obtained from Youth Ministry Office, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Penna. 19102.

1966 Youth Forum Theme

POSSIBILITIES FOR PEACE was selected as the theme for the 1966 Youth Forum. This choice reflects a deep concern on the part of youth with the world situation. Site and date details will be forthcoming.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

The 1965-66 Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship Officers



The 1965-66 Pilgrim Fellowship Officers of the Southern Convention, from left to right, front row: Nancy Alexander, Greensboro (Fellowship); Jayne Yates, Asheboro (Secretary); Frankie Penny, Clayton (Faith); Pat Holland, Norfolk (Action). Back row: Gerry Oxford, Elon College (President); Wesley Snyder, Elon College (Treasurer); Ronnie White, Suffolk (Vice President).

Conference P.F. Officers' Retreat September 25-26

The Southern Convention PF officers met early in August to plan for the 1965 Conference Pilgrim Fellowship Officers' Retreat at Moonelon Center, September 25-26. Information and registration forms for this retreat have been sent to conference PF leaders. The cost will be $5.00 for Saturday afternoon through Sunday afternoon. The new cabin heaters will be ready for use in two girls' cabins and two boys' cabins, and in all cabin shower rooms. These cabin heaters were made possible by the Pilgrim Fellowship 1964-65 project, Operation Icebreaker.

News From Bethlehem Suffolk

The Bethlehem Youth Fellowship recently entertained a group of young people from Berea Christian Church at Arrowhead Pool.

The Berea group sang as a choir for the eleven o'clock worship service at Bethlehem. After the service the young people went to the pool for a cookout lunch and an afternoon of swimming.

Later in the afternoon they were led in Vespers by Vickie Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graham.

Some Observations On The Youth

By A. Johnnie Massey

On Friday afternoon, August 20, at 4 o'clock, registration began for a three day conference at Blowing Rock involving sixty young people, adult advisors, and ministers of the Southern Conference. This includes the Southern Convention, Southern Synod and the Convention of the South. The purposes of the meeting were to provide guidance in the Youth Ministry of local churches, to introduce available resources, to provide time for putting them into practice, to learn skills usable by youth, and to become acquainted with others in the Southern Conference.

By Six o'clock that evening about forty people stood outside the dining hall hungrily awaiting supper. Served cafetreia style the food for the entire weekend was plentiful and very delicious to say the least.

At seven o'clock we all went to vespers. They were held in an open air chapel overlooking the valleys and mountains. During vespers one could not help but feel the presence of God and see his beauty and his greatness as we prayed, sang hymns and listened to some thought provoking words by the Rev. B. D. Shepherd.

Following vespers we all assembled in the fellowship hall for the night's program. The Rev. R. N. Rinker gave the program concerning the Youth Ministry Concept. He began by giving two different views of the church and their relation with the young people. He continued by saying that the young people had an important part in the church now and that the adults should recognize the potentials and the needs of the young people. He closed by saying that we should not think of the Youth Ministry as another name for the Sunday night fellowship group but that it is concerned with the totality of the church's ministry with youth.

We then divided into five groups and discussed a statement in the presentation by trying to answer two questions. They were: So What? Is there anything left vague or uncertain? After our discussion we came back into one group for a feedback.

At nine o'clock the Rev. E. M. Neff led us in recreation. To get us better acquainted with each other he led us in two games with beans. He ended the recreation with a **pooping out** game (one that poops you out).

After the recreation we were free to do as we pleased. Most of us rocked in front of our cabins and talked to the new friends that we had made. Our topics of discussion ranged from everyday life and school to our beliefs in God.

We woke Saturday morning to the sound of the ringing bell and found that our camp was captured by a heavy fog. The fog, with an occasional light rain, lasted the entire day. After eating breakfast and watching the Gemini space flight, we met in the fellowship hall for the morning program on Resources and Methods. This was presented by the Rev. J. W. Wise.

Mr. Wise began by showing a filmstrip called **How Wide Is Our Circle.** The fellowship group in the film was beginning to deteriorate because of a lack of interest shown by the young people. When they realized that something was wrong with their group they began a study to find ways in which they could function as a good youth group and could make their group grow in number. After the filmstrip, Mr. Wise told us several ways that we could use a filmstrip for a program in our local fellowship groups. He then spoke on other resources that were available in planning programs and in helping plan programs. He also talked about the different methods that could be used in presenting these resources in programs. In closing he said that many of the materials that he had put on display were for sale. We were then dismissed for a fifteen minute break.

At 10:15 we met in one of the five groups in which we had earlier been placed. Each small group was concerned with one of five program areas: fellowship, outreach, citizenship, witness and faith. Each group was responsible for discussing their area and for planning a program to be presented before the entire group. The morning session was used in discussing the particular area and in deciding the method to be used in presenting the program. Lunch was served at twelve o'clock.

Meeting at the bell at 1:30, we again divided up into small groups for recreation. In each separate game, each group was sent to look for several different items. The first group that brought the items back to the bell were declared the winners. Some of the items included: a bird's nest, a dogwood leaf, a

Youth Ministry Headlines (Continued)

Service Is Our Watchword

Service is our watchword, Service for our King;
Service, fruitful service, Daily ours to bring.
Service for the needy, Service for the lost;
Self upon the altar; Counting not the cost.
Service in the homeland Wher-e'er sounds the call;
Sacrifical service, Reaching unto all;
Service pure, exalted; Loyal and unpriced;
Living, loving channels, Bearing forth the Christ.
Service o'er the ocean, Serving not for gain;
Meeting every duty, Be it toil or pain;
Service that is Christly, Giving up to God
Every selfish motive; Treading where Christ has trod.

The above poem recently appeared in the bulletin of the Bethlehem Christian Church. The author was not given.

Service is our watchword. Now that September is here and local P.F. groups are starting a new year, I hope that each group will set their goals for Christian Service a little higher than they were before.

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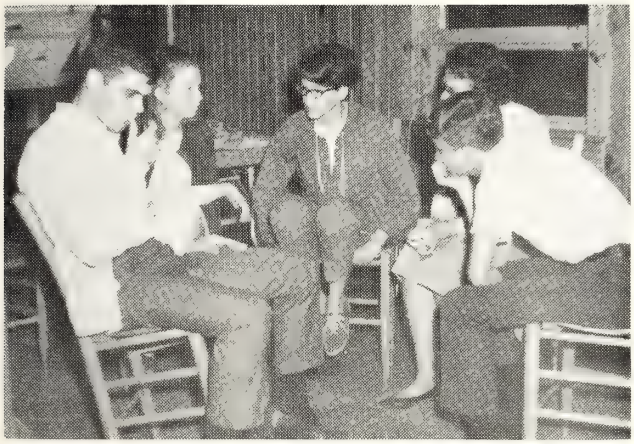
Ministry Conference At Blowing Rock



A small group discussion during Blowing Rock Youth Ministry Conference. The young lady in the center is Miss Liz Fairbank, former Southern Convention P.F. President (1964-65).

slug, a worm, an ant, a moth, a sassafras root, and a dandelion.

At two o'clock we met in our small groups for another program area planning session. This hour and fifteen minute session was used for planning and rehearsing our program.

After a fifteen minute break **we met for a symposium of Y.F. and P.F.** The moderator was the Rev. T. M. Shoffner. Representing the three groups were: Elizabeth Fairbank, Southern Convention; Susan Brown, Southern Synod; and substituting for Henry Simmons was Wallace Bailey. Convention of the South. Each person spoke on the work that his group was doing on the convention, conference, and local level. Each also gave the governmental set up of his fellowship. Following their presentations, they were asked questions from the floor. After the symposium we were free until dinner at six o'clock.

Vespers at Seven o'clock was another thought provoking service.

At 7:45 the first two area programs were presented. The first was **Fellowship.** They began with two role plays and then divided the group into small groups and gave each small group two questions to discuss. The questions were: What are some other groups in the church which we are not in fellowship? How can we get these groups together? After a discussion period the groups met together for a feedback. The second area was **Outreach.** They too presented several role plays. In the plays they showed how people in all walks of life could be a missionary and that a missionary was no longer only the person that was sent to some far away dark corner of Africa to live with the people there. The role plays were followed by a hymn, devotions, offering, and the reading of the Statement of Faith by different members of the group.

Mr. Neff led us in recreation for about half an hour and then we were free to do as we pleased. Some of us went into town while the rest stayed at the cabins and talked on the porches.

The morning bell brought us to breakfast, but this time the sun was shining and the scenery was beautiful.

Following berakfast we met in the fellowship hall for two more area presentations. **Citizenship** was the first. They presented a play called **The Delinquent, the Hipster, and the Square.** After the presentation a discussion was led on the three characters and our responsibility as good Christian citizens. The second area program was on **Witness.** This was presented in the form of a symposium. They chose vocations as one way of witness. After the symposium, we split up into our groups and discussed a question about our purpose in life and our vocation. We met back together for a summary of the program. We were then dismissed until the eleven o'clock service.

The morning worship was presented by the **Faith** area group. We all went to the nearby church, which is used nearly every Sunday by different groups, for the service. The service began with the invocation and silent prayer and was followed by the singing of a hymn. The scripture was read and another hymn was sung. The offering was then taken. Four members of the group presented an antiphonal reading. One of the girls sang a solo. After the closing hymn, Mr. Shepherd gave the benediction.

After leaving the church many of us began walking back to the cabins. However it started raining and everyone piled into the few cars that had driven to the church. It continued to rain throughout lunch and let up only when we started to leave for home. So ended the three day conference in which many new friends were made and many new things were learned that will help cause a better Youth Ministry program in our churches in the years to come.

THE ON-GOINGNESS OF LIFE

BY MRS. W. W. SLOAN

"No," she said, "I've never been back to the home place since it was sold. I couldn't bear to see someone else living there."

My sister was remembering "the little brown house" in which the seven of us grew up, that held so many hopes and heart-aches, where my father had worn himself out: teaching, gardening, building; where my mother had lived an invalid for years, alternately inspiring and frustrating us by her perfectionism.

It was a small house for nine people. (Father's dream-house never got past the blue-print stage.)

I, too, was remembering: the same house revisited only a few days before, now a neat gray, the same green lawn, purple clematis beside the door, shrubs, shadowy evergreens. These had grown taller, covered more ground space than before, but this was "home."

The young matron who came to the door was delighted to show me all over the place, pointing out improvements here and there, conveniences we had longed for but never had been able to get. The plain bedrooms tansformed by colorful furnishings were a dream come true. While they had done nothing to the back yard, she promised that would come later, along with the wild-flower garden grown up in weeds.

Best of all was the young and growing family who had taken our place, another college teacher to sit at his desk in my father's sunlighted study, "stairstep" children to enjoy for years to come the great outdoors, willow trees for climbing in the wind, row of hills against the sunset, wild song of the river in the spring, and red brick fireplace for Christmas Eve. This was fulfillment.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Dr. D. J. Bowden, Speaker

Summer Class Awarded Degrees

Speaking on the topic "On Being Human In A Dehumanized World," Dr. D. J. Bowden, Director of the School of Religion at Indiana University, told members of the Elon College summer graduating class here on Sunday morning, August 22, that "to be truly human is to be at-one with both God and man."

The speaker, who was for many years dean of the college and dean of men here at Elon College, opened his discussions with the question, "What is man?" He mentioned several historical answers to the question to show that man is a product of his biological heredity and his physical and social environment, but he further declared that man is just as much a "programmed" being as any modern computer.

While saying that man lives in a dehumanized world of industrial automation and cultural patternization, Dr. Bowden declared that the true purpose of systematic existence is to give man greater freedom and fuller guarantee of his rights in a complex society.

"The fact that everyone has a social security number does not reduce everyone to 'just a number'," he declared. "It is rather a guarantee that every individual will be recognized as a person with certain rights and privileges in our society."

In closing he paraphrased the words of Saint Paul in Romans 8:14 and said, "I am persuaded that neither technology, nor IBM cards, nor social security number, nor patternization, nor civilization, nor mechanization, nor automation, shall be able to separate us from the love of God."

Dr. Bowden's address was the feature of the graduation convocation held in Elon College Community Church at the 11 o'clock hour which opened with the invocation by Dr. J. E. Danieley, Elon College President, and included the scripture reading by Dr. W. J. Andes, pastor of the Community Church. Dean Fletcher Moore was at the organ for the musical program, which featured a solo by Wayne Kanoy, of Hampton, Virginia.

Diplomas and degrees were presented in a special program held in Whitley Auditorium at 2:30 o'clock that afternoon. Dr. J. E. Danieley presided and presented the diplomas to the graduates. Dean Fletcher Moore presented the candidates for graduation. Dean Moore was again at the organ and Mrs. Thomasene B. Sparks of Elon College, sang a solo.

Among the 47 graduates were two who graduated with honors. They were Ruth Lea Mitchell, of Burlington, who graduated magna-cum laude, and Leroy Glenn Ford, also of Burlington, who graduated cum laude.

In addition to the two honor graduates, others receiving degrees were as follows: Brenda Dover Bolt, Burlington; Carole Ann Boyle, Alexandria, Va.; Rebecca Shepard Brandt, Greensboro; William Robert Bray, Burlington; Thomas Elwyn Breese, Johnson City, N. Y.;

Lynwood Jesse Brown, Jr., Hillsborough; Nancy Lou Butler, Tariffville, Conn.; Nellie Davis Cheshire, Hillsborough; Patricia Ann Compton, Mebane; Thomas Savage Corbitt, Jr., Pocomoke City, Md.; Florence Moore Ellenberg, Burlington; Jerry Walter Faulkner, Burlington; Lewis Tildon Fowler, Mebane;

Sarah King Griffin, Burlington; Kenneth Leon Harper, Henderson; George Michael Herbert, Portsmouth, Va.; Bobby Aaron Hoyle, Franklin Springs, Ga.; Sandra Kay Jeffreys, Burlington; Evelyn Bell Kent, Granite Falls; Billy Robert Maness, Burlington; Thomas Hughes Masten, Roxboro; Nina Marie Matlock, Elon College;

Bonnie Rae McEvoy, Burlington; Joan Carol Michael, Burlington; Douglass Edwin Moe, Elon College; Alexandra Nagy Monger, Allendale, N. J.; Faye Rickard Moody, Burlington; Albert Sidney Morrison, III, Portsmouth, Va.; John Cowan Nichols, Jacksonville, N. C.; Clark Benny Patterson, Elon College; Russell Allen Phipps, Virginia Beach, Va.;

Kenneth Wayne Pope, Henderson; Andrew Fred Rohrs, South Deerfield, Mass.; Gay Ann Saunders, Bluffton, Ind.; James Lee Self, Burlington; Ashby Lee Shifflett, Jr., Harrisonburg, Va.; Gary Wayne Sisk, Burlington; Roger Headley Suddith, Jr., Point Arena, Calif.; Herbert Wayne Turner, Chester, Va.;

Ann Aaron Wallace, Burlington; Ronald Nelson Weaver, Burlington; Robert Shaw West, Jr., Durham; William Ramson Whittenton, Jr., Reidsville; David Alton Winfrey, Valley Station, Ky.; and Albert Rodman Woodward, Jr., Wilmington, Del.

Eastern Virginia
Churchmen's Fellowship Rally

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
5:00 - 8:00
WAVERLY CHURCH, WAVERLY, VA.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
COMPLETION OF OPERATION OINK OINK

Additional Churches In BREAKTHROUGH

Since the listing in the August 10 issue of **The Sun,** the following churches in North Carolina have affirmed their wish to share in the BREAKTHROUGH emphasis September 12-19. The total now exceeds 120 in the Southern Convention.

2. Altamahaw Bethlehem 9/12 3:00
5. Pleasant Cross Asheboro 9/14 7:30
8. Union Grove Asheboro 9/14 7:30
16. Burlington Edgewood 9/19 3:00
34. Garner Trinity 9/12 7:30
74. Seagrove 9/14 7:30

OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION

Children's Workers Conference

The Church's Ministry With Children

Half of the children in Virginia were not in Sunday School last Sunday. One-third of the children are not reached by the church in any way. Christian education leaders from Virginia and North Carolina will study this problem and others relating to the church's ministry with children in a conference in Richmond on November 2 to 4.

Leaders

The leaders will include Dr. Iris V. Cully of New York who will direct a study of the foundations in Biblical theology for the church's ministry with children. Dr. Cully is Associate Professor of Christian Education at Yale Divinity School. She is author of "Children In The Church" and other books on Christian education. Her new book for children entitled, "Stories From Church History" will be published this winter.

Dr. Sara Little, Professor of Christian Education at Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, will guide the consideration of leadership for the church's ministry with children today. Dr. Little is author of the widely used book, "Learning Together In The Christian Fellowship."

Other leaders will include Miss LaDonna Bogardus of Nashville, Tennessee, a staff member in children's work and leadership development on the Methodist Board of Education; Miss Ruth Wagner of New York, Editor of Children's Publications, Department of Education for Mission, National Council of Churches; and Dr. William B. Kennedy, Associate Executive Secretary of the Presbyterian U. S. Board of Christian Education.

For More Information

The conference will be held at Roslyn, the Episcopal Conference Center at Richmond. It is sponsored by the Virginia and North Carolina Councils of Churches and will be one in a series of twenty regional conferences to be held across the country during 1965-66. The purpose of the conference is to involve leaders in a study of the nature and scope of the church's ministry with children in the light of the demands of the gospel and of the changing times in which we live.

Place & Purpose

For further information and registration forms contact your denominational office or the Virginia Council of Churches, 2321 Westwood Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, or the North Carolina Council of Churches, Box 6637, College Station, Durham, North Carolina.

Curriculum Cycle

Beginning Again

After two years and eight semesters of courses, the United Church Curriculum cycle has been completed and the first semester of courses has again come up. The theme will be **GROWING AS A CHRISTIAN.** Churches which began using the materials in the fall of 1963 will not need to reorder the coursebooks or age group manuals since they continue as each new cycle comes around. The pupils' resource books will be needed to give to each student. The adult courses are new every semester and do not operate on a cycle since adult classes remain the same from year to year.

The Nursery Course: 3'S IN THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
Kindergarten: GROWING IN THE FELLOWSHIP
Primary: IN THE IMAGE OF GOD
Lower Junior: UNDERSTANDING OURSELVES
Junior: GROWING UP IN JESUS' DAY
Junior High: CLAIMED BY GOD
Middle High: BECOMING A CHRISTIAN PERSON
Senior High: THE CHRISTIAN IN THE WORLD
Adult: ARMED FOR CRISIS

Each coursebook presents complete plans and alternatives for using the materials. In addition to the above coursebooks, students books are to be used at home and correlated with the development of the course.

The United Church Curriculum is set up on a three semester per year basis. From September through January is the first semester; from February through June, the second; July and August, the third semester.

Consultations about the new materials, either with churches already using them or with churches wishing to learn more about them before using them, are possible by contacting Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

Junior Highs & The Church Focus — Fall Issue

The Fall issue of **FOCUS — Clues for the Youth Ministry** will be dealing with junior highs in the church. In addition to telling what some churches are doing in this area of junior high work, there will be a resource section outlining a great variety of materials, leadership and program, directly related to work with junior highs. Two copies of FOCUS are mailed to each church free. Additional copies may be ordered at 10c each in quantities of 10 or more from the Office for Literature Sales, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Penna. 19102.

National Curriculum Usage

The growing acceptance of the United Churriculum across the country is indicated by the recent figures made available by the Division of Christian Education of our denomination. At the present time, 78% of our churches use the new curriculum in whole or in part, and 65% of our church school enrollment.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

COOKS!

Dear Friends:

On a number of occasions, we have some of our boys say, "I would like to try my hand at cooking. I believe I could do a better job than the girls." So this past summer, we gave several of our boys this opportunity by letting them work in the kitchen for a two-month period.

During a recent two month work schedule, Mrs. Lambert, Food Service Manager, had assisting her in the kitchen Phil Bolton, and Donald and Robert Cowan; and Bobby Byrd, Ronnie Skipper and Floyd Rich helping her in the dining room at Wisseman Cottage. The boys and girls both say that these boys made excellent cooks as well as dining room hosts. Pictured on our page today is Phil and Robert hard at work.

The two month period worked so well that Mrs. Lambert has asked that we give the boys another opportunity — so this fall we are planning to have five other boys assist her for a two month period. We have already had several volunteers for this work. This has been most interesting and has certainly given variety to the boys' and girls' work schedule.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder

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In the new 12-story **Bible House** to be completed in the Lincoln Center area in 1966, the entire first two floors will be devoted to displays and collections of the Holy Bible.

REPORT FOR AUGUST 16, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 75.67
Eastern North Carolina Conference	82.00
Western North Carolina Conference	17.50
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	113.05
Total	$288.22
Special Offerings	
Wake Chapel United Church of Christ, Fuquay-Varina, N. C., Missionary Fellowship	$ 42.05
Berea Christian Church, Driver, Virginia, Women's Fellowship	10.00
Clayton Christian Church, Clayton, N. C., Adult Bible Class	5.00
Pleasant Hill Christian Church, Liberty, N. C.	
Vacation Bible School	33.33
Women's Fellowship, Circle No. 2	16.67
Miss Dorothy Branch, Garner, N. C.	130.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. Joe Kelly	
In Memory of Mrs. Rudy Fitch	
In Memory of Mrs. Fannie V. Ford	
In Memory of Mr. W. Hunter Scott, Sr.	
In Memory of Mr. R. L. Fonville	
In Memory of Mr. Bernard Andrews	
Total Memorial Gifts	50.00
Special Offerings	204.90
Total	$491.95
Total for the Week	$780.17

Communities In Transition

Opportunity For Witness

The startling results of the work of **Our Christian World Mission** are evident in many a changing community of our time. These results are, for example, apparent in the successful Minneapolis Fair Housing Project which was partially supported by funds contributed through **Our Christian World Mission,** and in the development of programs within many a community for helping underprivileged Spanish-speaking Americans, Indian-Americans, and Negro Americans.

But the needs remain as startling as the results: churches must enter even more completely into community-planning within their own communities. The goals are obvious: church groups can help to improve the quality of local schools by means of concerted action; they can help to encourage Negro voter registration; they can help to widen job opportunities for minority groups.

Such projects are today every bit as necessary in rural communities as they are in urban communities, and to this end, as an important goal of **Target Ahead,** Our Christian World Mission seeks to extend its community-planning services in the midst of our twentieth-century problems.

Altitude, Speed, And Religion

By William T. Joyner

Thoughts from a trip:
Flight 778 — Washington to Boston — 8 A.M.
Gigantic propellors
whirring with formidable speed
as the earth rushes by
and slips away
underneath.
(How unexcelled the power of men!)
Toy machines
and tiny doll houses
seen through a circular window.
A strange feeling
of being almost suspended in mid-air
above an endless terrain.
(How frail and dependent men are,
after all.)
9:30 A.M. — on the ground:
perspective regained.

Speed:
a wonderful
and dangerous
commodity.
But man is born for risk;
therefore he reaches up
and beyond himself.
Man is also prone
to overestimate himself
— especially at low altitude.
If his achievement is not placed
in perspective
by a higher altitude of mind
than pride,
He is likely to interpret
the mastery of speed
as proof
of human omnipotence
— an extremely dangerous conclusion!

A little altitude,
a little knowledge,
a little religion
— all are dangerous things.
Without height
there is no broadness of vision;
only arrogant, ill-founded conclusions
rushing toward collision
with unanticipated formations of truth.
From the heights of quiet communion,
people are no longer
mistaken for gods.
Rather, they are seen in totality
as fallible creatures who are
akin to but not synonymous with
the Almighty.

The gift of speed:
may it abound!
And may it always be tempered
by high altitudes of devout reflection.

ON THE EDGE

During their pastor's vacation, the **Bayside Christian Church (UCC) at Virginia Beach** will have two guest preachers: Mr. Donald L. Liverman on August 22, and the Rev. L. Bill Simmons on August 29. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Earl T. Farrell.

The Rev. Guy Veazey assisted in the consecration of Mr. Elton Rudd as a deacon of the **Long's Chapel United Church of Christ near Burlington** on August 15. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Donald D. Sledge.

Mrs. Howard A. Moore of Haw River recently presented a program to the Women's Fellowship at **Long's Chapel** on the topic of **Moments of Joy.** President of the group is Mrs. Becky Wyatt.

An Area Workers' Conference in Christian Education was held at the **First United Church of Christ, Virginia Beach,** on Tuesday, August 24. The meeting centered around the fall teaching materials in preview and study.

Dr. Robert M. Kimball, pastor of the **First Christian Church (UCC) in Burlington,** was the guest preacher for evangelistic services during the week of August 22 at **Holy Neck United Church of Christ in Holland.**

The Churchmen's Fellowship Conference for the men of the Southern Synod was held at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds on August 27. This annual weekend experience attracts men from the former Evangelical and Reformed churches across the state.

Rev. J. L. Neese will be guest preacher at the **First Congregational Christian Church (UCC) of Reidsville** while the pastor, Rev. Dan W. Jones, Jr., is on vacation. Prayer meetings will be led by Mr. Edwin Gunn.

UNITED CHURCH CURRICULUM AUDIO-VISUAL PACKET III

Kindergarten Songs, Games and Rhythms — a record resource for first year kindergarten courses. $1.95.

Hymns for Worship — Primary Rhythms — a record resource for first year primary courses. $1.95.

Thoughts On Growing Up and How To Interview Children — set of five records for the first and second semester lower junior courses. $10.00.

Hymns for Worship — Junior and Fun and Folk Songs — a record resource for first year junior courses. $1.95.

The Festival of Passover — color filmstrip with record for first year, second semester and second year first semester junior high courses.

A Talk With Junior Highs — a record resource discussing physical development in early adolescence. $10.00 for above filmstrip and recording.

Christian Concepts of Art — a picture portfolio containing reproductions of original art; for youth and adult courses. $20.00.

Flat Pictures — a color filmstrip resource for leadership education. $6.00. Prices are for individual items in the packet. The price for the complete packet including all of the above items is $30.00 which represents a saving of $21.85. Order on the regular curriculum order blank.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Sic Semper Committees!

If there's anything our church at East Burlap has, it's most certainly effective committees. They take great pride in the response committee assignments get from members.

Take the Committee On Stump Trimming, just as an example. The tree stump causing the whole problem was left when the Finance Committee voted to cut down the eighty-five-year old elm tree on the front lawn of the church building to provide lumber for a bird-watching platform for the God in Nature study group of the church. The stump would never have been noticed had it not been for Caswell T. Happenstance, the second vice chairman of the Insurance Committee. Walking across the church lawn one afternoon, Mr. Happenstance accidentally kicked on the the lawn-sprinkling mechanism (installed by the Maintenance Committee). Running to escape the deluge, he fell over the stump and fractured his tibia. Had it not been for the dedicated efforts and care of the Hospital Patient Visiting Committee, there might well have been a law suit.

Anyway, the C.O.S.T. was set up consisting of Miss Elvira Wiggem, hair stylist (chairman); Mr. Gabriel Tootsmasher, trumpet player; Mr. Cerius Hazewiper, window washer; and Mrs. Edwina Jones, housewife. Special consultant, volunteering his help to the group, was Mr. Hiram Messy, professional tree stump remover.

Mrs. Wiggem first made inquiries to learn when the committee could get together. The best time was on Thursday evening ... everyone could come except Mr. Messy. So they had their first meeting.

Pressing concerns were considered first. The election of a secretary and treasurer. The discussion of purposes for the committee. A written statement of the philosophy of tree stump removal. The reading of nine letters to the committee offering nine suggestions for getting rid of the stump. After three hours and a half, the recommendation of the chairman was that a subcommittee be appointed to study and list the possibilities for the project. The meeting was concluded following these appointments and an hour and a half was spent drinking coffee.

The report on possibilities by the subcommittee was presented at the second meeting of the committee. Unfortunately the subcommittee just couldn't seem to find a time they could meet when Mr. Messy was available.

Alternatives listed for the removal of the stump were: (1) bulldozing the stump out; (2) dynamite; (3) raising the whole level of the lawn so it would be over the top of the stump; (4) and letting every man in the church take one whack at the stump with an ax. Mr. Hazewiper, also a member of the Fellowship Committee, pointed out that a common task for the men would bring about some fine fellowship, persuaded the committee that a Let's Bury The Hatchet Day would be a good idea.

Seventy-three men swung the ax on that memorable day. Eleven wrenched their backs. Three cut their feet and/or legs. Two got wood chips in their eyes. When all had finished, the elm stump still stood erect, only slightly more unattractive with its fresh scars of battle.

The Committee On Stump Trimming met the following week. It was voted to hire a professional to remove the stump. The Messy Stump Removal Service spent two and a half hours burning the stump out with gasoline and old tires. The total cost, including committee refreshments, medical expenses for the Hatcheteers, and the professional removal, came to almost exactly two and one half times the cost of a ready-made bird watchers platform.

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Breakthrough is no idle catchphrase. It is the United Church of Christ's response to man's need now. It calls for putting first things first . . . for the national instrumentalities, the conferences, the congregations, and the members of our church to seriously examine their priorities in the light of people's needs today. Response to **Breakthrough** could easily lead us into some unexpected places. It could make us give up some long cherished ways of doing things. It is certain to reach into our finances as it reaches into our hearts.

Breakthrough

In speaking about **Breakthrough** before the General Synod, the Rev. Oliver G. Powell, Oak Park, Illinois, said, "This is no gimmick to wheedle a few more dollars out of us painlessly. This is no sentimental playing on our heart strings. This is a plain talk about the way things are in the world, and about what's to be expected of followers of Jesus Christ if they are even half in earnest about doing his work for him. These are areas of elemental human need where the stakes are high and we leave them unattended at a frightening risk: enlisting in the war against poverty in ways that go beyond subsidies into the fundamentals of preserving human dignity; helping to feed the one billion people of the world who live daily on the edges of crippling hunger; assisting in the resettling and rehabilitation of the thousands of homeless people that still crowd the refugee camps of the world — and so on. These are not casual, safe options; these are matters of desperate urgency that needed attention the day before yesterday and didn't get it because we thought we couldn't raise the money for them."

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein . . .

/RSV

The earth is the Lord's and its fulness, the world and those who dwell therein.

/Goodspeed

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein . . .

/KJ

All God's? Everything? In the Apple's Chapel bulletin recently, a brief item about stewardship is quoted as written by a thirteen year old boy: "Stewardship means that life is a great ship, loaded with a rich cargo of many things to be delivered to many people, in many places. God is the owner of the ship and the cargo, but I am the captain — the one with the responsibility to deliver the goods."

And so it is. We are all captains. Sometimes we get so carried away with our cargo or our self-importance that we forget God is the giver of that which we have to use. Our forgetfulness in no way releases us from the responsibility He gives along with the cargo. It would be like having someone completely pay for a medical education for John Smith and then having John Smith become a healthy hermit. Responsibility goes with the gift. And for this responsibility we are held accountable.

Facts Of Life

One has only to read a newspaper to find crime, political intrigue, social revolutions, intellectual vacuum, and international tension. These are some of the facts of life in our twentieth century world culture. Facts of life to which our concern must be directed as Christians.

There are still other facts of life — perhaps we should call them facts of death — which are very personal and worldwide in their overpowering dominance. Hunger. Ignorance. Sickness. Fear. Injustice. Hatred. Quickly repeated terms amidst our common vocabulary of supermarkets, education, medicine, security, law, and the love of those about us, we hardly notice such unpleasantnesses. There are those who will die even while this sentence is being read because they could not obtain the bare necessities on which to survive. Or because of hatred, or injustice, or the blind self-centeredness of others' ignorance and fear.

This issue of **The Christian Sun** may at first seem to be overloaded with mission. On the contrary, however, what is herein included is a very small portion of what the church ought to be doing in the name of its Lord. Perhaps when we become impatient with constant reminders of the needs to be met it is because such reminders arouse feelings of guilt . . . and who likes feeling guilty?

We are called by God and the Christ to keep up with the travails of the world and to witness to the love of God in the midst of these travails, not in the comfort of our church sanctuaries alone. The world is "out there." His gospel has meaning when it, too, is "out there" working for the physical, intellectual, and spiritual recovery of lives continually being claimed by the demons of newspaper article fame.

Fall Conference Meetings

Eastern Virginia

Thursday, October 28
Oakland Church
Chuckatuck

Western North Carolina

Wednesday, November 3
Shady Grove Church
Seagrove

Eastern North Carolina

Tuesday, November 2
Southern Pines

North Carolina & Virginia

Thursday, November 4
Reidsville

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GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS ITEM

The Un-Christian Klan

Editor of the Daily News:

In view of your article concerning the Klan rally in Randleman August 15, I should like to make the following observations.

A number of other ministers and I attended this rally. We did not attend as supporters nor as "spies" but in the belief that in a free country all public meetings are open to the public and also in the belief that Christian people should be informed about the social affairs of their community. Since ministers and churches which opposes the racism and pseudo-Christianity of the Klan were the major subject of all the speakers' diatribes, I believe that our presence was justified.

I, personally, was encouraged by two facts. The first being that such belligerent and wholesale excoriation of their opponents is a sign and a symptom of weakness rather than of strength. The second being that in the group which comprised the rally there were extremely few of the good Christian people who make up the churches of the Randleman area and the surrounding area.

In closing, let me point out to your readers, just as I have pointed out to my own church members, that the prerequisite for membership in the Klan is exclusive of all Christians. To be a member of the Klan one must be a WASP, i. e., White, Anglo-Saxon, and Protestant.

According to scholars, our Lord, while He walked the earth, was a member of the Mediterranean sub-race, thus possessing a swarthy, olive skin. Our Lord was a native of Israel, not England. He was Jewish, not Protestant. Thus our Lord could never be a member of the Klan, even if He so desired, which I strongly doubt. How then can a Christian belong to an organization which excludes their Lord?

J. Rex Thomas
Minister, United Church of Christ
Sophia

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

Why Breakthrough?

1. Because we live in a world where the "Man from UNCLE" is as well-known as the man from NAZARETH.
2. Because 90% of the population of the United States in the year 2,000 will be living in forty great metropolitan centers, according to President Johnson.
3. Because Christianity and the Ten Commandments are challenged by the NEW MORALITY, which declares, "Sex is an important form of recreation."
4. Because we affirm that the leather-bound Bible should continue to be the best seller in a world of paper bound sex trash.
5. Because we believe the Christian faith will not be laid to rest in the same grave with Vermont folk medicine.
6. Because automated man is on the horizon, Christianity affirms that man is more than a number or a computer card.
7. Because civil rights in the hands of undisciplined radical leaders can lead to civil riots.
8. Because the critics of the church have had a field day in recent years. There have been a rash of books such as, "The Noise of Solemn Assemblies," "God's Frozen People," etc.
9. Because People on the continent of Europe are convinced that the Christian religion as embodied in the organized churches has outlived its usefulness. A minority of the population is found in church on Sunday. This must not happen here.
10. Because too many Christians spend more money for pleasure than for the preaching of the gospel. Honest Christian stewardship must prevail if the gospel is to succeed in a callous, cynical world.

Clyde L. Fields

Leadership For New Nations

All of the African countries desperately need trained leadership. They especially lack committed leadership, having what Nehru had called "a missionary spirit." If the church is to participate in nation building, one of its most effective contributions will be to help with the training of leaders who will make their Christian faith relevant in the positions they will hold in the structures of their nation.

With funds given through BREAKTHROUGH, the United Church of Christ will sharply accelerate its scholarship program. Scholarships will be given to present and future leaders, most of whom have only high school education. The level of leadership training required in the new nations today is approximately the same as in the rest of the world — university as a minimum and graduate training in many instances.

The problem of providing scholarships for higher education has been difficult, but in no way matches the problem of secondary education, the real bottleneck at present. The secondary schools in many of the new nations have not the capacity to graduate enough students to fill the present universities.

Southern Rhodesia is one example of many of this secondary school shortages. Its good new university is not filled to capacity, and when filled could be easily expanded. Six years of secondary work are required for university entrance. In all Rhodesia two schools offer the fifth and sixth year of secondary education, and only one hundred places in the two six-year schools. The total needs of the country require 200 to 250 entering students each year at the university.

With funds from BREAKTHROUGH we will be in a position to add the fifth and sixth year to our four-year school, and thereby make university education in Southern Rhodesia available to, say, twenty-five more young people each year.

Preaching

And it came to pass afterwards, that He went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with Him.

Luke 8:1

What a revealing text that is! That text describes something going on! And something that has been going on is hinted at! "It came to pass afterwards," the many things set forth in preceding chapters.

"He went throughout every city." What a program, and a plan that was, going through their cities preaching the "glad tidings." There was that divine uplift in His language, that spirit of refreshing hope, that announcement of God's love and goodness and readiness to help! The sermons must not have had much to complain about, not too much criticism, nor too great reference to the ugliness around, but an inspiring challenge toward how it should be.

That makes out a good way in which we should preach today. I have been waiting as I wrote the above to call special attention to the word "shewing." "and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God"! Showing, mind you, showing the "glad tidings"! There was never anyone more serious than Jesus, nor more concerned about the sins that crippled God's people, and so should we be, but there should not be a helpless, hopeless, sound to our sermons. It is in the demonstrating with our daily lives, and attitudes, our daily round of serving and being, that counts.

No, I have not overlooked "and villages." Through their cities and villages. There was no Nazareth too little or low. "Everywhere" was the word!

But what also struck me with a force was "and the twelve were with Him"! There was for them both the lesson and the laboratory! What a school! What a Teacher! There is something for us to think about. Let people see that we have not only been to college and seminary, but that also we have been with Jesus! Amen.

John G. Truitt

The Lake

There once was a man who had a lake. This particular lake was quite beautiful and people came from miles around to see its lovely foliage and plant life. Deep green grass grew beyond its edges for a considerable distance. Some people came just to admire its beauty. Others came to be refreshed in its cool water.

Then, one day, the man who had this lake discovered that one of the small streams from the lake flowed to the land of someone he feared and hated. In unreasoning anger, the man dammed up all of his lake's outlets. Without a place to go, the water began to rise. Higher and higher he had to build his dam. The plants and foliage gradually were destroyed by the rising water level. Soon the rich grassy areas were flooded and became swamps. As time passed, the incoming streams became diverted so much that they no longer flowed freely into the lake, and without their fresh water the lake became stagnant and ugly. Life ceased being beautiful in its vicinity. Unpleasant things spawned other unpleasant things. People didn't come to see the lake anymore.

The diverted streams rediscovered the hated man's land and, in spite of the dam, water was supplied to it. The worst result of all, sad to say, was what happened to the man who had the lake. At first, he spent much of his time justifying the dam to others. The people who had depended on the outflowing streams from his lake suffered. Even those of whom he thought a great deal. Finally, he became so convinced of the rightness of his dam, that the ugliness became the symbol for his victory over that which he feared and hated.

Public Education

In the BREAKTHROUGH program the United Church of Christ enters three new areas of public education.

- If the people of the United Church of Christ will seriously address themselves to the problem of primary and secondary public education, they will need to understand the issues that are involved. The United Church, if means are provided, will prepare background information and leadership programs on the issues, both for its clergy and people.

In order that church people may have opportunity to work effectively in local communities to meet the issues of public education, the United Church would seek to create task forces in local areas, hopefully in an ecumenical approach to these problems.

- A great change is taking place in the colleges and universities, and with it the role of the church on the campus.

The universities, in particular, are becoming world-directed, offering their resources to meet needs in all sectors of the modern world. The churches are similarly challenged. In a partnership of church and university the church's mission will be shaped, in part, by information and insights from higher education; in turn, the church will make its theological contributions to the university.

Three centers for this united action have already been established, at the University of California, Pennsylvania State University and Michigan State College. This type of activity will be sharply increased with funds from the $1,000,000 advance.

- In cooperation with other denominations, we plan a ministry to Negro students in **state** colleges and universities in the South. Little or nothing is being done outside the classroom for these students, although they far outnumber the Negro students in our own church-related colleges.

When **Target Ahead** money is available the United Church proposes to initiate a cultural program on these campuses, and provide counselling and psychiatric services.

Mission Strategy In Japan

What's happening in Japan? What's happening in the church of Japan? What significance might these happenings have over all Asia?

During the first half of this century Japan managed its industrial revolution without ripping her essential culture. After World War II, 50 percent of Japan's population was still rural and the majority of her people tied to the old cultural patterns.

Now 70 percent of Japan's population lives in the city and its suburbs. Old family ties have loosened. The cultural switch has uprooted the people and left them in need of a new cohesion and standard of life.

Meantime the church has not stood still. Swiftly and imaginatively it has moved in upon the new Japan. It has established chaplaincies within industry and labor unions, roadside ministries to truckers, and centers in which Christian leaders bring insights to bear on the pressing problems of vocational groups. In fact, the church in America has something to learn from the bold and inventive tactic of the church in Japan.

For the first time, radio and television was recently made available for the church to present Christianity's viewpoint on personal morality and human relations in society as a whole. This in itself was a great breakthrough in the missionary strategy of the church.

It has been made evident that Christianity has a message for separated families, for "mass man," for a secular society separated from its ethical root systems. But such a program requires a continuous mass communication to be effective in an overwhelmingly non-Christian country like Japan — and here the church of Japan needs our support.

It is significant that the Japanese church may be working out a new strategy of missions which will prove effective in other parts of Asia, where the industrial revolution is a decade or two behind Japan.

New York — In addition to distribution of the Holy Scriptures in Braille and other reading systems for the blind, the American Bible Society also supplies Talking Bible Records and Finger Fono Records.

The Gift Of Faith

by A. Johnnie Massey

Jesus was on the top of a mountain praying with his disciples, Peter, John, and James. This was at the time of his transfiguration and just before going to the cross. The next day they came down from the mountain and at the foot of the foot of the mountain they met a large crowd. There was an argument among several persons in the crowd. The crowd was amazed to see Jesus among them because they had not seen him arrive. When Jesus asked them what the argument was about, a man told him that the disciples were unable to heal his epileptic son. Jesus called the crowd and his disciples a faithless and perverse generation. He asked them how much longer he would be with them, because he knew that soon he would die on the cross.

The man asked if Jesus could heal his son. Jesus told the man that all things are possible through faith. The man immediately said that he had faith and to help him where his faith was weak. Jesus called the boy to him and while coming the boy had another attack. During this attack, Jesus healed him. These verses of scripture are found in Luke 9:14-27.

Earlier the disciples had been given the power to heal the sick, but on this occasion they were unable to heal the boy. The disciples lacked the faith to heal the boy. They lacked the faith in themselves and they lacked the faith in God to heal the boy.

The man had asked if Jesus could heal the boy and Jesus said that all things are possible through faith. Jesus was saying to the man that if he (the man) had the faith in God, the boy could be healed. The man immediately said that he had faith and asked that where he was weak in faith he might be strengthened.

Many people today do not actually believe that Jesus Christ is the truth, the life and the revelation of God. They have some faith but it is nothing when compared to the belief that they hold for saying that two plus two is four or that the atom exists and can be split. People believe these **facts** but they will not believe the fact that **God is** and they will not put their faith in him.

We are experiencing a time of many changes economically and socially, of many great advances in science and medicine, and a time of unrest throughout the world. Man has become self-centered with a goal of personal triumph and has a faith only in himself and the proven facts concerning his life. He has forgotten the God that gave him the power of thought, the freedom to choose between right and wrong, and the gift of the ability to have faith in God. This has not been forced on man but has been given to man as a gift.

Some people believe in only what they can see or what has been proven to them. They have faith that their airplane will fly, or that they will have light at the flick of a switch, but they cannot have faith in a God of love that sent his son into the world to die on the cross for the sins of man. They can't have faith in God when they can read the record book of God and see the work that he has done. After knowing these things what more do these people need to have faith in God?

To those who lack faith, it is the duty of faithful Christians to show their faith. Telling these people of God or teaching them about the works of Christ, or explaining Christianity to them will not be sufficient. Only through action can they see faith working. A Christian must live daily his faith in God and only by this example can those of little faith see the powers of faith.

The War On Poverty

Thirty-six million Americans, one-fifth of the nation, are denied the minimal requirements for life as it is now lived in the United States. It is hard today for affluent Americans to see these poor, because they are physically separated in ghettos and in locations away from the highways and avenues where most of us travel. Moreover, they are psychologically invisible; for even the poor today, because of mass production, have a chance with little money to buy deceptively nice-looking clothes.

The poor are often not seen because of our poor understanding of poverty. Poverty must be defined in terms of those who are denied the minimal requirements for life as it is now lived in the United States.

The war on poverty in the United States must be waged by the church and other private agencies, and not by government alone. It must work with government in order that the anti-poverty program be centered entirely on the interests of the persons served. It must supplement the work of public agencies, going "the second mile." It must further do what only the church can do — minister to the individual as if he were Christ.

The United Church of Christ has created a task force which is charged with drafting a definite program of action to be taken by the denomination in conjunction with the national war on poverty. This representative group will seek to correlate the work of all units within the United Church which in any way are or can be involved in the program. The great objective must be to move beyond information, pronouncements and sentiment to immediate and specific action for the eradication of the scourge and scandal of poverty.

The elimination of poverty in the United States is a **Target Ahead** in the BREAKTHROUGH program.

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

On Sunday evening, October 3, from 6:30-7:30 Eastern Daylight Time, NBC will present a special documentary film on land and water pollution problems entitled **America, the Beautiful.** Local stations will indicate the showing time in your area.

The National Council of Churches is collaborating with the St. Clement's Film Association in printing a discussion guide for church groups viewing the program. The guide will be available for mailing in the week of September 13 and five copies will be sent free to any group requesting them from The Saint Clement's Film Association, 423 West 46th Street, New York, N. Y. 10036.

LAITY WORKSHOPS REPORT

A total of 651 men and women shared in the ten Laity Workshops held in North Carolina and Virginia on July 25. These workshops were held in Asheboro, Chapel Hill, Elon College, Fayetteville, Greensboro (Brown Summit), Lexington, New Bern, Newton, Salisbury, and Chesapeake.

Of the total, 146 were laymen, 453 were laywomen, and 52 were ministers. Leadership for these workshops came from the three judicatories of the Southern Conference area. One hundred and seventy-three people accepted leadership responsibilities.

Coordinator for these workshops was Mrs. Emily C. Lester, regional secretary for the Council for Lay Life and Work.

Lay Training

The vigor and witness of the church in this critical age of movement and change must depend on its laymen. There are not enough trained pastors in many of the newer churches overseas. Nor is there time to wait for the full development of pastor-parish relationships, when great issues are to be settled in politics, industry, and community affairs. The problems of laymen are particularly acute within predominantly non-Christian environments. What, precisely, are the ethical and social guidelines for the Christian who belongs to a minority group? How does he proceed alone or with fellow Christians beyond the walls of his church?

The United Church of Christ plans to join in an ecumenical overseas program of institutes and seminars on a regional or national basis, to face such problems as industrialization, racial justice, independence, the use of force, the conflicts between generations in rapid social change and land tenure. Such a facing outward into the common life of the world will prove to be a new dimension beyond the more private sphere of thought and life in the typical local congregations.

- The special problem which laymen and clergy alike must face in central Africa is the growing strength of Islam, while Christianity is barely keeping pace, with the population increase. One of Islam's strengths lies in the fact that it is essentially a lay movement. Another part is its acceptance of polygamy, prevalent in African village life, in contrast to Christianity's rejection of plural marriage.

Under the sponsorship of the World Council of Churches, a small number of experts on Islam will be sent to Africa. There they will help local church leaders, both pastors and laymen, better understand the rival claims of Islam and more effectively portray their own faith. Our share in this program will come from the $1,000,000 advance in Basic Support.

Subsidized Pensions

One of the most important social and economic advances of our day has been the provision for retirement pensions in business, the professions, and government, and by educational, charitable, and religious organizations. Today fringe benefits are part of the compensation package of almost every employee and executive.

The United Church dare not be found lacking in its attitude to those in its employ either as ordained clergy or lay workers.

Small annuities resulting from the low salaries of prior years and the reduced purchasing power of the dollar caused by the inflationary spiral have created the need for subsidization. To help our retired men and widows caught in this dilemma, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ has provided sufficient funds from Basic Support for Our Christian World Mission to bring the payments to members with full service to the Church under the two old Evangelical and Reformed Funds and the Congregational Christian Original Plan to a total of $1,200 for ministers and $720 for widows. Benefits are also provided for the older annuitants of the Congregational Christian Expanded Plan.

Supplemental payments have been a blessing to many of the veterans of the cross but $1,200 becomes smaller every year as the cost of living steadily rises.

The General Synod in July, 1965 guaranteed through the BREAKTHROUGH part of General Synod budget an increase to a minimum $1,500 subsidized scale for qualified members of the E Plan, the R Plan, and the Original Plan, and increased benefits to the older ministers in the Expanded Plan and the Ministers' Retirement Fund, with comparable increases to widows.

Study Of Foreign Affairs

"God is the Lord not only of creation but of history. What is happening in the world is under the hand of God. We are called to a sustained effort to understand the secular world and to discern the will of God in it." (J. H. Oldham.) This must mean the **whole** world, and not just the little part where we live.

All Christian testimony and work is affected by attitudes and actions related to suspicions and rivalries. They could be made of little avail by war between the nations. The arms race, the chasm between rich and poor nations, the problems and expectations of fifty new nations, the population explosion — all these must be a first concern to Christians.

Our first task in such a concern is dual: to understand the world of foreign policy, and to understand how we develop foreign policy in this representative democracy. Only then can we ask how the church can contribute to the quality of international relations.

- The United Church of Christ has recently successfully experimented with five two-day international seminars for selected lay leaders, nominated by the state conferences. In each seminar forty persons, not previously involved in such study, engaged in depth discussions of critical aspects of foreign affairs. Scholarship assistance was provided to pay for necessary travel expenses. The United Church aims to multiply this study.

- The Church Center for the United Nations has greatly increased opportunity for education and action in international affairs. The United Church proposes to step up the number of its discussions at the Center for both young people and adults; introducing them, as part of the program, to representatives of nations from all over the world. To do so, we need additional space at the Center, additional personnel and more money for scholarships.

Farewell Reception For The Tribbles

The Reverend and Mrs. Harold W. Tribble, Jr., and their children, Sara, David and Hannah, were the guests of honor at a reception given by the Men's Fellowship and Women's Fellowship of the Hunterdale United Church of Christ in Franklin, Virginia. At the reception, on Sunday evening, August 22, the Tribbles were presented with a pair of solid cherry end tables as an expression of love and friendship. Mr. Tribble has been pastor at the Hunterdale church since February, 1960. The family will be moving this month to Long Island, New York, where Mr. Tribble will serve as pastor of The Community Church.

The Leisure Revolution

Leisure usually means the increasing amount of free time available to many people and its use in recreational activity. Leisure time has engaged the church in special mission. One thinks of ministries in the national parks, resort areas, shopping centers, Las Vegas, and among artists.

But the leisure revolution is more radical than the use of leisure time. Because of automation, few people in the future will be able to find their identity in their work. What is needed, then, is a rediscovery of the Hebrew-Christian idea that the worth of a person is God-given and does not depend upon his place in the world of production. Thus leisure has been redefined as "a state of being in which activity is performed for its own sake or its own end."

This deeper meaning of leisure challenges the church to work creatively within the leisure revolution, giving man the opportunity for human service, for developing the arts, for recreative activities. In fact, a task force has been set up within the United Church to explore and experiment in this area of the church's ministry.

• Few revolutions in our world today have proved as far-reaching as the revolution in techniques of communication. Yet the startling fact is that the only educational television series for adults ever to be produced in the entire field of religion, except for a small number of programs about the Bible, is yet to be seen by the public. The name of this new program is **Tangled World.**

In this series of thirty one-half hour programs, theologian Dr. Roger Shinn, with others, sketches such concerns as international ethics, the scientific transformation of modern life, the relation of ethics and law, and modern business ethics. The cycle will be completed by mid-1967.

If the United Church is to continue to affect the wide audience reached by **Tangled World,** it must produce a second series dealing with **Targets Ahead.**

Superintendent Clyde L. Fields was the guest minister at the Congregational United Church of Christ, Greensboro, North Carolina, August 29, in the absence of Dr. W. E. Wisseman, who was away on vacation.

Since 1816, the **American Bible Society** distributed more than 700,000,000 Bibles, Testaments, Scripture Portions, and Selections.

Statement Of Faith

We belong to a believing church.

We believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.
We believe in the Bible, its Holy teachings, and its perfect advice.
We believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who died to save us from our sins.

We belong to a worshipping church.

We believe in regular attendance in morning worship.
We believe in regular attendance in Sunday Church School.
We believe in partaking of Holy Communion.
We believe in taking part in worship in church organizations.

We belong to a working church.

We believe that the church should help the sick and underprivileged.
We believe that the church should teach the people the difference between right and wrong.
We believe that the church should spread the Word of God.

We belong to one church.

We believe there is strength in unity.
We believe unity produces one belief.
We believe unity of the church produces unity of man.

We belong to a local church.

We believe we should attend services.
We believe we should participate in all activities of the church.
We believe we should help the younger children.

This original Statement of Faith was written by the Junior High Church School Class at St. Mark's United Church of Christ, Burlington, during a course of study "I Believe."

ON THE EDGE

Superintendent Clyde L. Fields will be the guest minister at First Congregational Christian Church, Henderson, North Carolina, on September 5.

The **First United Church of Christ in Randleman** will be celebrating its 75th anniversay with a homecoming program on October 24.

Speaker for the September 27 Church School Workers Dinner at the **Congregational United Church of Christ in Greensboro** will be the Rev. Richard N. Rinker, North Carolina Field Secretary for the Southern Convention.

The program topic at a recent Women's Fellowship circle meeting at **St. Mark's United Church of Christ in Burlington** was "What Do You Think Of Bessie's Bazaars?" A discussion took place on bake sales, suppers, rummage sales, etc.

Emergency Action In Africa

A crucial project in BREAKTHROUGH is the **Ecumenical Program for Emergency Action in Africa.** This $10,000,000 program over a period of five years will consist of emergency assistance from European, Asian and American churches to the church in Africa for its witness and service.

Why Africa? The answer has been graphically stated: Africa must jump across a chasm or fall into the abyss. Asiatic countries can muddle through their revolutions, for they have ancient civilizations to give them continuing support. But the African nations must leap from a simple, tribal life over to the new world, or fall into chaos. When a lion is chasing you and you come to the edge — you jump!

Here are some of the facts of Africa:

- Half of the population is eighteen years of age or under. This youth, aflame with new ideas and expectations, is frustrated by lack of education and job opportunities.
- Africa has nearly one million refugees. Quick action is needed to relieve both them and the countries which have received them.
- A whole people needs to be trained for independence.
- High priority must be given to rural development, in a land which will remain 80% rural.

What must the church do in Africa?

Survey teams have mapped the church's course of action. Help will be given in all areas of the refugee problem. Churches will continue their present educational and medical programs, and in addition, provide capital funds for secondary schools, training institutions, and scholarships. The church will provide methods and materials for rural development.

The churches have a special responsibility in Africa. They are on the spot. They have experienced and devoted workers. All their vast achievements qualifies them to make a distinctive and original contribution.

Training For Mission

Theological educational opportunities need to be provided for the approximately 18 percent of the United Church of Christ ministers who lack college and seminary training. They will be increasingly handicapped unless given professional training.

Present plans call for workshops and study courses within institutions, such as the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and the Franklinton Center, Bricks, North Carolina. Plans also include caravans of field workers who will enter isolated areas with study opportunities.

- In Chicago the Urban Training Center for Christian Mission seeks to train ministers, laymen and seminarians for mission to the metropolis. The Center exposes its interns to the life and movement of mass society.

The training at the Center is intense and gruelling. The first full week the intern surrenders his identity by going into the inner city penniless and unemployed. In the following weeks he engages in academic study based on his first week's exposure. As a result of such training it is hoped that the intern will find new forms of mission within the inner city or its suburbs.

But this type of venture needs to be carried into the ministry of our urban churches throughout the land.

- An ecumenical in-training program geared to town and country churches is taking place at Merom Institute in Indiana. Although it also is not new as an organization, it is working creatively toward the renewal of the rural church in an urban culture and it requires increased funds for its experimental work.

- What guidance can the church give to executives in business and industry who wish to apply the Christian faith and ethics in their complex decision-making? An internship program is just getting underway in the Detroit Industrial Mission and the Chicago Business Industrial Project to provide such a specialized ministry to train and support men in this specialized capacity could mean a breakthrough along an important sector of our modern world.

Health And Welfare

The statistics are appalling — and they keep mounting — of the number of people who are trapped in this cultural turbulence of our times, and suffer all kinds of psychological and social misery.

Through the past three decades the gigantic proportions of the health and welfare problem have exceeded the competence of private philanthropy. Government has had to step into the field.

In this new situation the church must find new avenues of social service, even as it continues its established mission to persons through its health and welfare institutions.

First, the church must make its influence felt in the shaping of public policy regarding health and welfare. It must enter into creative partnership with the decision makers in public welfare, namely, government and public agencies as well as professional organizations.

Second, in such partnership the church may discover areas within social service where once again the church may pioneer. The discovery of such possibilities — in part by discovery of the church's limitations — requires the pooled wisdom and experience of all allies in the field.

In such a process the United Church has in fact already envisioned some of the new avenues of service which can be performed uniquely and effectively by the church: day care centers for the more than nine million mothers who go to work having preschool children at home, day care centers for mentally retarded children, homemaker service for infirm and aged people who remain in their own homes. This is to mention only a few possibilities.

To exert an influence in the determination of public policy in health and welfare, as well as to trigger the creation of new welfare services in the churches, the United Church proposes a health and welfare project in BREAKTHROUGH.

Population Explosion

We have all been made aware of the fact that if the runaway population growth continues, the number of persons on earth will double by the end of this century. In the underdeveloped countries it will double in twenty years.

This population explosion means catastrophic famine within five years in Asia and the Middle East, and within ten to fifteen years in Africa and Latin America. Food production and its distribution is not keeping pace with growing hunger.

Governments and private agencies, such as the church, are at work on a broad scale to produce more food. Through Church World Service we continue to send America's surplus food for emergency relief. However, neither such long range planning nor emergency action can of themselves avert the impending famine.

The only solution to the problem is to control the birth rate. This has now suddenly been made possible by some new, dramatic medical discoveries. As a result, several countries, including India, have launched government sponsored birth control campaigns.

In this battle to curb the population growth, the church, through its medical missions, has a distinct responsibility to cooperate with government and other voluntary agencies. The Christian approach deals not only with the massive problem of over-population, but with the problem of the over-populated family, and does so in a personal and sensitive manner.

The United Church of Christ has been quietly at work in this field for over eight years through its homeland and overseas boards and also through Church World Service. However, the BREAKTHROUGH program calls for an all-out effort. The followers of Christ cannot permit the distortion of values that hunger produces in man, nor can they permit his death by tortuous starvation.

HARRY MATHIS RESIGNS TO BEGIN TEACHING

Rev. Harry Mathis has resigned the pulpit at First Congregational Christian Church, Henderson, North Carolina, in order to assume teaching duties this fall. The Southern Convention wishes for Mr. Mathis every possible success in his new teaching responsibilities.

CHRISTIAN SUN RENEWALS

No further notices of expiration will be sent to those whose Christian Sun subscriptions run out. If continuing issues are desired, they may be subscribed to at the rate of 6c per week through the end of December. No subscriptions will be accepted beyond December because the new Southern Conference publication will be bringing together the three publications now being issued by the three uniting judicatories. Send remittances through December to Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

Urban Mission Strategy

The United Church of Christ is determined to serve the total life within the cities and suburbs of America. Two exciting opportunities present themselves, one in Los Angeles and another in Philadelphia.

- The religious faiths and denominations have been invited to share in a study of goals for the urban region of Los Angeles, together with the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches. The results of this study might well set patterns for the future of American cities.

"The city is not merely a construction, its chief part is always people." What otherwise might become a vast technological morass can perhaps grow into a model — a city shaped by human values and goals.

What are these goals? How can they be achieved? Representatives of the church will consider these questions in dialogue with the community.

Dr. Marlies Cremer of the Bad Boll Evangelical Academy in Germany is the first full-time member of the church team to work on this project. It is hoped that the United Church of Christ will support one staff person for four years.

- The Philadelphia Metropolitan Associates serves in a secularized industrial society.

This program will concentrate on areas of city life where mission is not yet clear. It will give attention to both research and action. Staff will report regularly to the churches of the area, so that they may incorporate findings into their own ministry.

Ultimately the staff will include twenty-four persons: 1) Eight "worker ministers" who will seek jobs in the secular world; 2) eight "lay theologians," laymen who have some theological skills and who will join their associates while retaining their secular vocations; 3) eight "urban agents" — either laymen or ministers — who will go "where the action is."

The United Church of Christ proposes to give full support to two "urban agents" and to assume the supportive expense (viz., not including salary), of two "worker ministers."

Churchmen's Conference On Civil Rights

The Memorial Auditorium, Fayetteville and South Streets in Raleigh, will be the scene of the **Statewide Churchmen's Conference on Civil Rights for North Carolina,** September 21-22.

Beginning at 11:00 a. m. Tuesday, with fellowship, the program will include the following addresses and leaders:

Tuesday

12:00 **Luncheon**
The Role of Southern Churchmen in Civil Rights
Dr. H. Shelton Smith
Professor Emeritus, Duke University

The South and the New Voting Rights Law
Dr. Ramsey Clark
Deputy Attorney General, U. S.

2:30 **Education and Civil Rights**
4:00 **Employment and Civil Rights**
8:00 **Public Rally**
Civil Rights from National and International Perspectives
Hon. Frank P. Graham
U. N. Representative for India & Pakistan

Wednesday

9:00 **Housing and Civil Rights**
10:30 **The Churches and Civil Rights**
1:00 **Closing Luncheon**
The Future of Civil Rights in North Carolina
Hon. Stan Brookshire
Mayor of Charlotte

Informational brochures and registration blanks will be sent to all Southern Convention pastors and church secretaries. The only cost for this conference is for meals eaten. Churchmen of our fellowship are urged to share in this excellent opportunity to learn first-hand from authoritative sources on the subjects of concern to us all.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Shareholding

In our society, money is not often thought of as a worship resource. There is the impression, at times unmistakable, that money is itself worshiped. Somehow it seems difficult to consider it as a help in our devotional life.

Within the life of the church, money plays a rather mundane role. It purchases fuel for the winter, it provides for trained leadership, it purchases study materials and pays the sexton. Money makes it possible to do many things. Beyond the local church, it carries food, medicine and other necessities through the outreach of missions.

There has probably never been a time when any local church had had as much money as it could effectively use. This is one reason for the objection some have expressed about the church's constant appeal for funds. Something always remains to be done. More, in fact, remains to be done than has been done.

Two points seem relevant in this connection. The church is not "over there" or "above" us. It has no life apart from the life we give to it. It is we who comprise its corporateness. It requests money because we request money to help it have life in a significant way. As members one of another we need financial support for the church's and God's business. If we wish to stop requests for money, then, as the church, we had better stop doing the things to which we are called by God as the church. If we merely wish to be a religious society, this is our choice.

A second point is this: we are called to share our money within the life of our church not primarily to pay for electricity, or music for the choir, or lawnmowers, or air conditioning, although money is used for these things. We give of our funds as an act of worship. When it ceases to be, or never has become, an act of worship, our financial relationship to God is the same as our financial relationship to the loan company.

We are the sharers and the worshipers. Money is one resource we have to use in both of these functions as Christian churchmen. Our children must be nurtured in this. Adults must grow in their understanding of the worshipful use of their money.

It is not enough to collect money in church school classes as one would collect dues. It is not enough to have a talkathon session while the plates are going around. Here is where young people and adults need to develop their concept of the Christian God-and-money relationship. We do not pay God for anything, for everything is His to begin with. We worship Him for His gracious provisioning. Through the worshipful sharing of money, we do worship in the whole life of the church.

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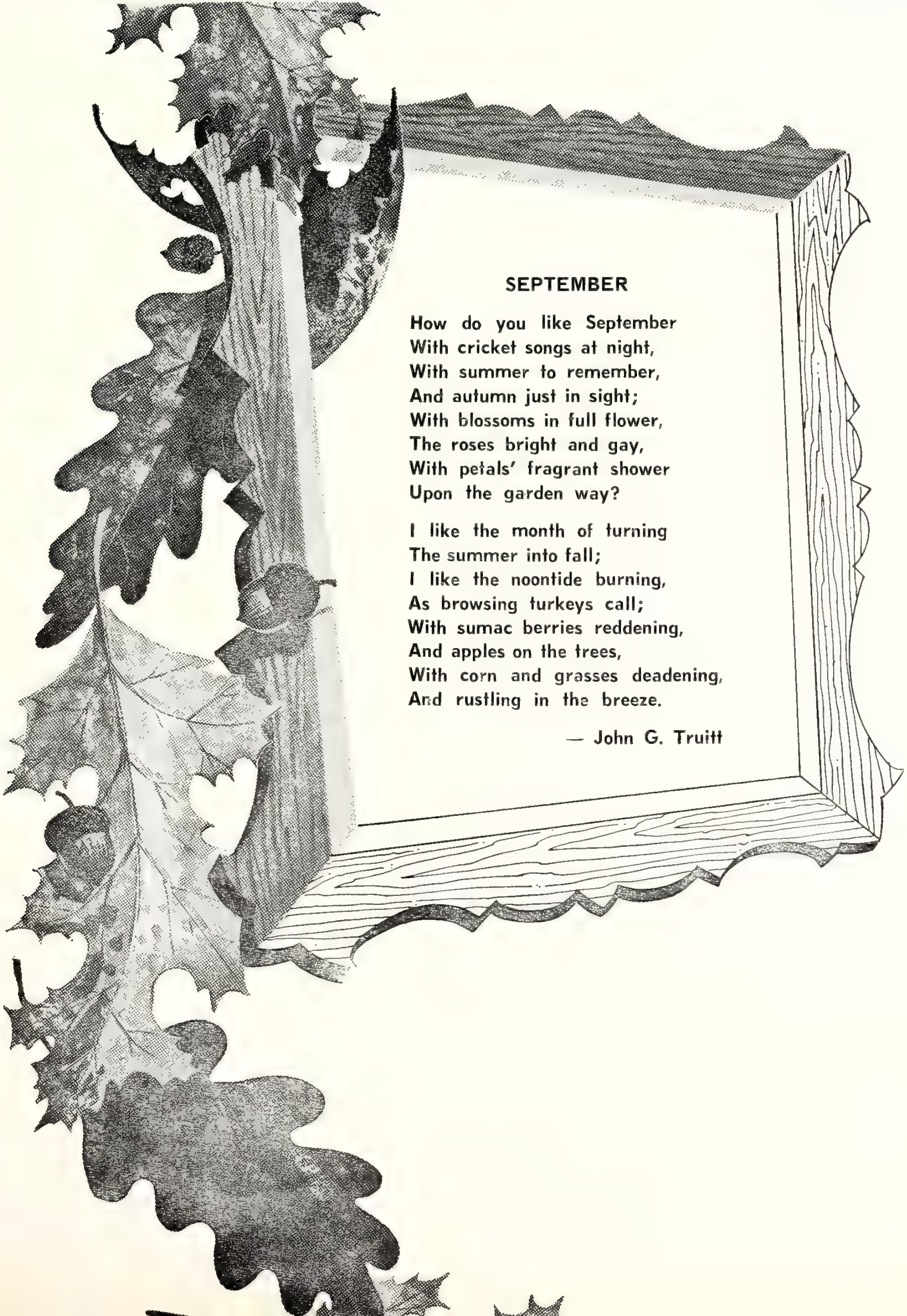

SEPTEMBER

How do you like September
With cricket songs at night,
With summer to remember,
And autumn just in sight;
With blossoms in full flower,
The roses bright and gay,
With petals' fragrant shower
Upon the garden way?

I like the month of turning
The summer into fall;
I like the noontide burning,
As browsing turkeys call;
With sumac berries reddening,
And apples on the trees,
With corn and grasses deadening,
And rustling in the breeze.

— John G. Truitt

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
/KJ

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
/RSV

You must love your neighbor as you do yourself.
/Goodspeed

Fellowship is not an anarchical and ephemeral condition into and from which individuals and groups enter and escape as it pleases them. It is a covenant relationship on which the whole power of Christianity is founded and maintained.

Inseparable from the quality of Christian love, fellowship elicits every effort to bring out and provide for the use of that which is good and strong in men, while supporting in forgiving love men in their weaknesses.

Disagreement and misunderstanding destroy partnerships founded on less substantial foundations than love, but fellowship remains intact if it is fellowship. Stagnancy and complacency are tolerated by society in most relationships, but to fellowship these conditions are intolerable. Prejudice, envy, greed, lust, hate, and wantonness are admitted as human failings sometimes receiving punitive attention by the culture in which they are exhibited. In fellowship these repentance-evoking distortions of God's gifts may be exercised by growth in personal nearness to God as His concern is expressed in the forgiving and sustaining guidance of those sharing in fellowship together.

One's vision of God is reflected in the broadness of the fellowship to which one is committed, whether the fellowship of a small clique within a local church, or the worldwide fellowship of the brotherhood of all mankind.

A Prayer Of Dedication For Missionaries

Almighty God, who has not left Thyself without witness upon this earth, we lift unto Thee grateful hearts for these servants who have answered the call to witness in distant places. Even as these go forth, we are mindful and thankful for all who have gone before them in this way, many of whom yet labor, others of whom have ceased their labors and now dwell in Thy eternal presence.

Fill these servants with Thy spirit, that as they give themselves to Time, Thou wilt give Thyself to them. We commend each of them unto Thee, beseeching Thee to be above them to shelter, beneath to hold them up, before to lead them on, behind to gather them in when they fall, without to surround them with Thy love, and within to sustain and strengthen them.

Prepare, we pray Thee, the fields of labor and witness to which they go. Grant that their love may be met with love, that the gospel they preach may be met by the seeking heart, and the gospel they live desired by the earnest follower.

Give unto us who remain here a sense of urgency that we may remember these missionaries, not alone with our prayer, but with our service and gifts which we offer to sustain and support their work.

And grant to us all, we pray, a sense of the oneness of the body of Christ and an understanding that each part of that body is needed if the whole is to function. Let us labor together in appreciation of each part of that body, to Thy name's honor and glory through Jesus Christ, to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be might, majesty, dominion, and power, now and forever. Amen.

—The Rev. Richard A. Cheek
UCBWM Board of Directors Meeting
May 1965

Southern Conference Meeting — September 30

Churches are reminded to elect their delegate(s) to the first annual meeting of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ to be held at Elon College, Whitley Memorial Auditorium on September 30 beginning at 9:00 a. m.

Ministers and church clerks will receive registration cards which should be returned as soon as possible to the Southern Convention office. The registration fee is $1.00. Each delegate should be registered on a separate card. Copies of the program accompanied the cards that were sent out.

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FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

Missions And Missionaries

The death of Dr. Albert Schweitzer adds to the list of missionary immortals. His name now should be placed in the same company with Adoniram Judson, David Livingstone and others on a small selected list. This writer salutes Dr. Albert Schweitzer as humanitarian, doctor, musician, philosopher, theologian, and missionary par excellence. Africa and the world is a better place because he lived and served.

The writer remembers, with many others in the Southern Convention, missionaries and mission stations such as Miss Angie Crew and now Miss Elizabeth Lester at Kobe, Japan; Dr. J. Russell Chandran and the United Theological College in India; Dr. and Mrs. Edward C. Riggs in India; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilkins in Turkey; Dr. and Mrs. Sterling Whitener soon to return to Hong Kong; Dr. and Mrs. William P. Tolley now in Africa; Rev. and Mrs. Carl Dille in Angola; Miss Sally Kennedy now at Kobe College, Japan; Miss Joyce Myers in Angola; and others.

We remember with appreciation the services of Rev. and Mrs. Richard Jackson who served in China and are now serving the Durham Church, and Mrs. William T. Joyner who served in Ceylon and is now the wife of the Minister of our Portsmouth Church.

The writer will always remember an address made by Miss Oline Nicholson at the Albemarle Church in 1952 as she described her work in a mission orphanage in India.

The writer will always be grateful to his home Church at Reidsville for the missionary concern and support which has continued through the years. He was pleased and honored to have a visit with Rev. and Mrs. Eric Gass who are home on furlough from Raipur, India, and the pastor of the Reidsville Church, Rev. Dan W. Jones, recently. The Reidsville Church is furnishing support for Rev. and Mrs. Eric Gass. The Church was pleased to have a visit from their missionary couple.

I raised this question with Rev. Eric Gass, "Is the work of Christian missions still needed?" He answered, **Yes, even more so, for the young people of the world are not satisfied with the answers given by non-christian religions and the Christian faith and the Christian gospel has a great opportunity to speak and to live out her teaching.**

The Board for World Ministries of the United Church of Christ has the experience and the personnel needed to present and live the Christian faith across the world. This is a day of unparalleled opportunity to witness for Christ and the Christian Faith. **WHAT IS NEEDED? OUR CONVICTION AND THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR CONVICTION EXPRESSED IN STEWARDSHIP SUPPORT FOR OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION.** Will you respond?

Clyde L. Fields

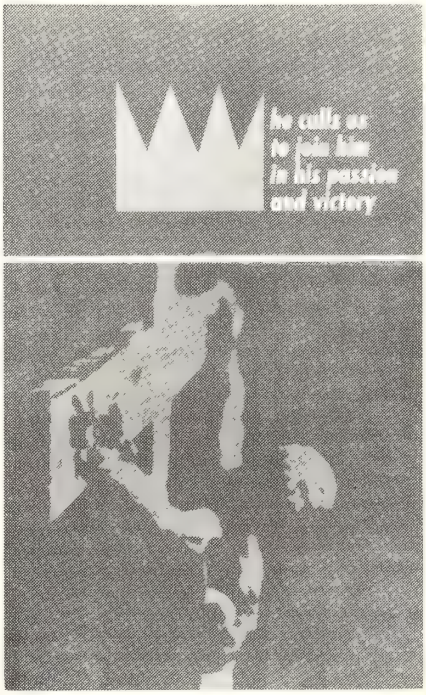
An Interpretation Of The Christian Enlistment Theme

This fall, many of our congregations will consider the theme, "He calls us to join him in his passion and victory." This phrase from the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith suggests the two-fold image of cross and crown. The victory depends upon Christ's passion. Suffering has always been a part of the Christian life.

In its Christian Enlistment context, the theme suggests that if the church is to achieve what it ought in our day then it must be prepared to endure a similar sort of passion. This is far deeper that the trite phrase "Give 'till it hurts!" It rather implies that for the Christian, "giving" and "living" are one; and that it is into the total life of our Lord that we have been called.

Either we view the passion of Christ from without, like the hostile crowd of ancient time, or we become participants in that event, and through it in the victory which is promised.

Materials are now available from the Stewardship Council which lift up this theme. Send now for posters, folders, visitor's packets, letterheads, and envelopes according to your need. Allow time for materials to reach you well ahead of the Christian Enlistment.



Church Welcomes New Pastor

The Asheville Congregational Christian Church welcomed the Wilson Busick's as minister and family at an all-church picnic held at Biltmore Dairy's picnic grounds, on Sunday September 5th. Approximately 200 people were present to greet the new minister and his family. Mr. Busick was formerly pastor of the Pfafftown United Church of Christ.

ON THE EDGE

Open house at the **First United Church of Christ of Hampton** was held on September 12, 2:00-6:00. Friends and members of the community were given an opportunity to see the new church building on Todds Lane.

Dr. J. Earl Danieley was the guest preacher for **Elon Community Church** on September 12. His concern was "How To Release The Power Of The Laity."

The Rev. Roy C. Whisenhut will be guest preacher for the annual revival services, October 17-21, at **Calvary United Church of Christ in Thomasville.**

Guest speaker at the **Heidelberg United Church of Christ** Church School Teachers' Banquet at **Thomasville** on September 2 was the Rev. Edwin Alcorn, pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Conover and Chairman of the Southern Synod's Committee on Christian Education.

The Rev. G. Harold Myers was the preacher for a revival series at **New Jerusalem United Church of Christ in Lexington** from August 29 through September 3.

The Rev. Dan W. Jones, pastor at Reidsville United Church of Christ, will be the guest preacher at **Salem Chapel United Church of Christ** September 17-19 for a week-end revival. Pastor of the Salem Chapel Church is the Rev. William A. Rich.

The **Haw River United Church of Christ** celebrated their annual homecoming on September 12. A highlight of this event was the fact that final plans are being made for their new church building. Pastor of the church is the Rev. James L. Rosser.

Four members of **Lynnhaven Colony United Church of Christ, Virginia Beach,** attended the Massenetta Springs Bible Conference and Church Music Workshop last month.

Ladies' Night will be observed by the Churchmen's Fellowship at **Liberty Vance United Church of Christ** near Henderson on September 15. A special program has been planned.

Mr. Frank Clapp, Executive Secretary of the United Church Retirement Home, will speak at both worship services at **Peace U.C.C. in Greensboro** on Sept. 19. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Melvin Palmer.

The Bayside Church at Virginia Beach, Virginia, will observe the 11th Anniversary of the church in special services on September 12. Rev. Earl T. Farrell is the pastor.

Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Ellis Clark, wife of the minister of Damascus and Oak Grove Churches, in the death of her father recently.

Wanted: School Teachers

The Division of Christian Education, UCBHM, is compiling a **list of elementary and secondary school teachers who are members of UCC congregations.** The Division plans to send them interpretive material on issues and trends in education and also to sound out their opinions from time to time. So far, over 3,000 names have been received. **Ministers are urged to send names to Miss Frances Eastman, Room 706, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. 02108.**

St. Mark's UCC Education Building To Be Dedicated September 26

St. Mark's Reformed United Church of Christ will dedicate her new Christian Education building Sunday, September 26, 1965, during morning worship at 11:00 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. Banks J. Peeler, president of Southern Synod (Acting Conference) of the United Church of Christ with offices in Salisbury, North Carolina, will read the Litany of Dedication and participate in the service. The Rev. Dr. A. Odell Leonard, pastor of the Second Reformed United Church of Christ, Lexington, North Carolina and brother of the local pastor, the Rev. Lawrence A. Leonard, will deliver the Dedicatory Sermon. Pastor Leonard will conduct the service and serve as liturgist. The three choirs of St. Mark's, under the direction of Mr. Lacy Fogleman, will sing appropriate anthems and lead the congregational singing, accompanied by Miss Virginia Leonard, organist.

The new Christian Education building has been in use for approximately two years. There are 12,116 square feet in the building which includes a large fellowship hall, a suite of offices, a church library, a kitchen and kitchenette, a conference room, thirteen spacious classrooms, a powder room and toilets. The total cost of the structure, not including maintenance materials and machines and part of the furnishings and most of the landscaping, was $136,589.93. The renovation of the sanctuary and the classrooms in the original building, the painting of the exterior of the church and the painting of the exterior of the parsonage are not included in the cost of the new building.

The members of the Plans and Construction Committee, working in close cooperation with the pastor and the architect, Vernon E. Lewis, were C. V. Gowan, chairman, C. J. Wilkins, Mrs. Virginia Corbett, J. C. Peeler, Jr., Mrs. Faye Moody, Max G. Isley and Richard Sneed.

The members of the Committee on Dedication are Banks Smith, chairman, Jim Peeler, Louis Jones, Mrs. Ruby S. Robertson, Mrs. Margaret Elkins, Mrs. Blondie Ferrell and A. L. Bryan.

Open House will be conducted from 2:00-4:00 o'clock on the day of dedication.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

President Danieley's Message To Summer Commencement Graduates

When the Board of Trustees of Elon College adopted the aims and objectives of this institution it declared that one of the aims of Elon College is to help each student to acquire "an understanding of his responsibilities and rights as a citizen in the democratic culture; a recognition of the intrinsic worth of other individuals and an intelligent awareness of world cultures, conditions, events, and issues." This would have been an extremely difficult objective to attain at any time in the history of this country, but it becomes increasingly difficult to achieve an understanding of conditions and events and issues which we face at home and abroad. In moments of nostalgia one almost wishes that it were possible to "return to normalcy," but this seems impossible. There seems to be no such condition as normalcy. As Thomas Wolfe said, "You can't go home again."

Our world is torn with numerous vexing issues. We face many difficult problems. One wonders when there can be peace on either the domestic or the international scene. Running through the revolutions which beset us is the constant cry for freedom. There are peoples who seek political freedom, wishing to be free from the restraints and the rule of outside powers. There are those who seek personal freedom, trying to throw off the shackles of bondage which have been their raiment throughout their lives. There are those who seek to be free from want; their hungry bodies cry out to be fed; in a world of plenty they daily go to bed hungry. Then, amid all this striving for freedom, we in the academic community speak, sometimes timidly, sometimes with high emotion, about academic freedom.

Much of the struggle involved in the attempt to achieve each of these freedoms is caused by our failure to understand what that freedom means, what it involves, what it demands. Those who are in a position to provide or withhold freedom frequently fail to understand its essential nature and its importance. Frequently, those who are seeking freedom, having never known it, equate freedom with license and are shocked to learn that there is no such thing as freedom apart from responsibility, that they go together and, that although one may be an heir to freedom, he cannot long possess it unless he assumes his share of the responsibility for the protection of that freedom.

In the academic institution, in the college or university, freedom means the right, the opportunity to study, to learn, to seek for the truth wherever that search leads and then to communicate the results of that endeavor without regard to personal or institutional prejudice. This, like every other freedom which mankind enjoys, sometimes leads to trouble, dissension, misunderstanding, and resistance; but an educational institution can not maintain its integrity if restrictions are imposed upon it which make it impossible for the scholars in that institution to pursue the truth to the limit of their resources and their abilities. Much of the strength of this nation has derived from the strength of its educational institutions. Those institutions can remain strong, dynamic, and fully useful only if that same society determines to continue to provide them an environment in which academic pursuits can flourish.

As you graduate and go forth from this College, you go as free persons in a society which cherishes that freedom for you. Countless others have struggled, many have paid the supreme sacrifice, that you might come to this good day in the land of the free. Now our country looks to you to join the battle, to protect the freedom we know, to strive to make that freedom available to those who are not free, and to determine that future generations shall know both freedom under God and peace among men.

May God grant you the vision to see the task at hand, the wisdom to make the right decisions, the courage to stand for freedom and the truth, and the strength to do His will.

Loan Granted For Buildings

Elon College has been granted a federal loan totaling $633,000 for the construction of new buildings on the college campus.

The announcement was made of the above loan from the office of Rep. Horace Kornegay on September 1st. The loan came from the Community Facilities Administration of the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

The building project will include a new dormitory to house 150 men students and a new student center, which will include a new snack bar, campus shop, a clinic and student organization offices and lounges.

Raleigh architectural firm of Guy E. Crampton and Associates have designed the project. Construction is scheduled to begin in four months and will be completed within 10 months after initiation of the work. More detailed plans will be shown in The Christian Sun at a later date.

The Elon Campus will be a busy place during the next week, with arrival of about 1300 students. Classes will begin Sept. 17, with the faculty convocation and freshmen orientation preceding that date.

Bible Sunday Packets

The American Bible Society now has packets of material available for use in the observance of Universal Bible Sunday, December 12, and Worldwide Bible Reading. These resources include posters, bookmarks with selections of scripture listed for use from Thanksgiving until the end of the year, offering envelopes, and bulletin insert sheets. The materials are obtainable free by writing to the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

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REMINDER

To let other groups know what your P.F. is doing, send your news to Ronnie White, Route 3, Box 495, Suffolk, Virginia. 23434.

TANGLED WORLD . . .

TANGLED WORLD, 13 half-hour (28:30) documentary films, 16 mm, sound, black and white. Produced by the UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (Office of Communication and Board for Homeland Ministries) for the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

TANGLED WORLD is available from: Office for Audio Visuals, United Church of Christ, 1501 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. Single booking $8; any five installments $35; entire series $80, plus postage. Send your bookings in today. Please give alternative dates.

Now one of America's outstanding younger theologians is narrator of the first documentary film series ever made for the local church on the social problems of our times. Dr. Roger L. Shinn of Union Theological Seminary brings you **TANGLED WORLD**, 13 striking half-hour motion pictures on ethics and modern society challenging you to think about the hard questions raised by such issues as racial violence, lawlessness, sex, poverty, automation, international affairs, understanding of the self and urban renewal. Through brilliant analysis of his subject along with guest experts, Dr. Shinn gives you a Judaeo-Christian perspective on the complexities of today's world. His views will stir sharp, vital discussion.

TANGLED WORLD is exciting — it is the first film series to apply the gospel to the great social issues of our time. It is theological and biblical, yet keyed to today and tomorrow.

TANGLED WORLD is current — see a working laser and the launching of a communications satellite. Hear one of America's most eminent clergymen unfold a working plan for church integration. Find out the United States' new role in international affairs from United Nations Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson.

TANGLED WORLD is educational — it is designed for the local church and is accompanied by a free leader's guide. Dr. Shinn has also written a paperback book, **TANGLED WORLD***, keyed to the series which can give the viewer a deeper understanding of the films. It is widely distributed in bookstores and libraries. Cost in paperback: only $1.00. The film series may be shown complete, or you may order a smaller number of films of related topics.

*__Tangled World__ was chosen Book of the Month for June, 1965, by the Religious Book Club.

After shooting five TANGLED WORLD programs in five days, Roger Shinn, host of the series, was heard to remark that he certainly thought Hollywood movie stars earned their pay. "I didn't know how demanding movie-making could be," Dr. Shinn said. Dr. Shinn is professor of Applied Christianity at New York's Union Theological Seminary. When asked by the United Church of Christ if he would write and narrate a television series, Dr. Shinn's immediate reply was, "Yes, because I have a feeling people in the U. S. are living through a kind of revolution without facing up to it. I see this as a chance to make them think and make decisions." Dr. Shinn considers himself to be more a teacher than a television performer, "although I certainly enjoyed having the camera do some of my work."

Roger Lincoln Shinn was born Jan. 6, 1917, in Germantown, Ohio, the son of a minister. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Heidelberg (Ohio) College in 1938, Bachelor of Divinity degree from Union Seminary and Ph. D. from Columbia University. He is president of the Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ, author of numerous books and on the editorial staff of "Christianity and Crisis."

New Television Series
For
Thinking Adults . . .

Rev. Lantz Resigns

Rev. J. Edward Lantz has resigned as the Executive of the Southern Office of the National Council of Churches to join the faculty of the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia, and will begin his new duties September 30, 1965.

Mr. Lantz was for ten years the very able and efficient executive for the Southern Office of the National Council of Churches. The Advisory Committee of the Southern Office of the National Council of Churches has passed a resolution expressing appreciation for the vision, steadfastness, and courage, patience and forbearance of Mr. Lantz in his 10 years of service for the National Council of Churches in the midst of critical and adverse conditions.

Members of The Southern Convention wish for Mr. Lantz the best possible joy and success in his new post with the Interdenominational Theological Center.

Organ Given Durham Church

A two-manual organ will be presented to the Durham United Church of Christ for use in the church's new building. The gift is being presented by the families of Dr. W. Waldo Boone and Mrs. Stanley C. Harrell. It was accepted by the congregation on August 1.

The organ is being given in the memory of the Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, pastor of the church from 1919 - 1954; Dr. William Henry Boone, whose family has been members of the denomination since its organization; Mrs. Elizabeth Moring Boone, wife of Dr. Boone who was a direct descendant of James O'Kelly, one of the founders of the Christian denomination in the south; and the Boones' granddaughter, Elizabeth Cannon Boone, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Waldo Boone who died at the age of nine in 1940.

Construction of the new church building at the intersection of N. C. 751 and the Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard will begin in October.

. . . Films For Discussion

THE CITY: Photographed from a helicopter flying over New York City, Dr. Shinn uses the pattern of the city to dissect the urban world in which sociologists say 80% of us will be living by 1984.

SEX AND THE FAMILY: In this age of frank sexual freedom Dr. Shinn turns to the Bible for a fresh approach to the meaning of sex. Modern dance illustrates the Biblical passages. Dr. Mary Steichen Calderone, former Medical Director of Planned Parenthood, is interviewed.

THE PROCESSION: The impact of the church is felt in one great city — here Chicago, as individuals struggle to find identity in a cold and lonely urban world. The church's future in the city is candidly assessed.

THE AFFLUENT SOCIETY: Dr. Shinn takes a ride up the world's most luxurious street, New York's Park Avenue, which houses the Waldorf Astoria Hotel at one end and the department of welfare relief center at the other, to illustrate grinding poverty and everyday luxury.

TOMORROW?: Whole industries automate at an unprecented rate in our technological world. Decisions made by management, labor and government create the precedents on which a new society is built. Citing actual cases, TOMORROW? asks if these decisions are made with Christian responsibility.

LAW AND BEHAVIOR: There is a thin dividing line between law and morality. Sit-in demonstrations may be breaking the law, but they may also be morally right. Dr. Shinn looks at morality and Justice Donald Webber of Maine's Supreme Court explains the functions of law.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Many Americans little appreciate our role as the leader of the free world. In an exclusive interview Ambassador to the UN, Adlai Stevenson explains America's responsibility in international affairs. There are also filmed statements by Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson.

SELF-UNDERSTANDING: Self-analysis has been called the indoor sport of the 20th century. Dr. Shinn examines the motivation of individuals in their relations with their fellows as the gifted cartoonist James Crane draws zany figures of the ego, the super ego, the id, the soul, the Darwinian man and the Freudian man.

SCIENCE: The impact of science on our lives — filmed at the world-famous Bell Telephone Laboratories. Telstar and lasers are shown and explained by Bell's Dr. Richard Grisdale. Dr. Harold Schilling, physicist from Pennsylvania State University, discusses the power science has given man to do good or bad.

ORGANIZATION: Is the future of mankind tied to an IBM card? On location in one of the most highly organized industries, an insurance company, Dr. Shinn points out that 20th century living couldn't exist without organization.

POLITICS: Dr. Shinn goes to his local precinct to find out about the politics game and the ethics which guide our lawmakers. He presents an affirmative analysis of the local scene and tells why it's good business to become involved in politics.

RACIAL TENSION: Filmed at one of America's most famous interracial churches, Riverside Church in New York, Dr. Shinn and sociologist Charles Lawrence look behind the headlines of today's racial violence and civil rights struggles for a Christian appraisal of brotherhood.

THE CAPTIVE: Deep in the grimy coal hills of West Virginia an unemployed miner struggles to maintain human dignity. His distressing story throws new light on why we must eradicate poverty from this country and the immense problems which confront the church and other agencies.

. . . Also Available Now For Adult Church Groups

An Ethiopian Servant

By Dr. John G. Truitt

> "Now when Ebedmelch the Ethiopian, one
> of the king's eunichs . . . heard that
> they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon . . .
> spake to the king".
> Jer. 38:7

"They took Jeremiah and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah".

"There was no water but mire, so that Jeremiah sunk in the mire".

"Now when Ebedmelch . . . heard that . . . he spoke to the king".

Quite a stirring picture isn't it? The "vigilantes":

Shephatiah Mattan
Gedliah Pashur
Jucal Shelemiah and
Pashur Malchiah

kidnapped Jeremiah for telling the people what God had told him to speak, and dropped him into "the dungeon of Malchiah, presumably to die of hunger and thirst.

Hear this black eunuch pleading with the king: "My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is like to die in the place where he is"!

The king heard his servant's plea: "Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die".

It is interesting to note the ingenuity of the operation of drawing Jeremiah out of that mire. The eunuch went and found old clothes and rags so Jermiah could place them under his shoulders, in order that the hard pulling on the ropes would not hurt or harm him.

Reminds me of the black hands in the hospital that tenderly bathed and cared for me when, for three weeks I was down flat, blinded by bandages over my eyes, and not permitted to lift or turn my head. You cannot say God is color blind when you see all the varied colors about us everywhere, but I would say, He likes all colors. We at least should be kind, and grateful, and helpful! Amen.

Reaping The Harvest

by A. Johnnie Massey

Paul, in writing to the Galatian churches in defense of his stand on different matters, says in the 7th through 10th verses of the sixth chapter that God is not to be fooled; a man reaps what he sows. Man can not put on a false front before God and he cannot mock or sneer at God without God knowing it. He knows every thought and every action that man makes. What a man sows is what he shall reap. He will reap nothing different, nothing more and nothing less.

Paul writes that if man sows in a field of lower nature he will reap a harvest of corruption. He also writes that if a man sows in a field of the Spirit, he will reap a harvest of eternal life. Paul then commands the Galatians to never tire of doing good so that they can reap their harvest. Paul wants all men to work for the good of man.

If we, in our own life, use our God-given time, money, and talents for the promotion of that which is evil, we will gain corruption. Many men and women with the potential of doing good, have wasted their lives because they have used this potential for sinful gains. They have used their alert minds in shrewd tactics to gain for themselves; they have used their abilities as leaders to lead men down the paths of darkness; they have let their money become their masters and will do anything to become wealthier.

Other people, the average American citizen, sow their seeds in the lower nature in places that seem small and unimportant. They have sowed self-centeredness, discrimination, illicit morality, drunkenness, profanity, and cheating. These too are acts which must not be overlooked.

But Paul says, to sow in the field of the Spirit will bring eternal life. To sow in the Spirit of truth, to love our fellowman and to seek that which is good are all essential elements if we are to gain eternal life. This type of life may not offer many pleasures or rewards during life, but when the time does come to receive the reward, there is none greater than eternal life.

Paul tells us to never tire of doing good. Our entire life should be built around doing good for our fellowman and not just ourselves, and loving our fellowman. If we do not slacken in our work of **doing good,** Paul says that in due time we shall reap our harvest.

With every opportunity available we are to work for the good of all. Each day many opportunities to help our fellowman pass by without our giving a thought to using this chance to help a person in distress. Think back through the day and the past week to the numerous times that we could have helped someone. What about the child having trouble getting bubble gum out of the machine, or the lady with the flat tire or the old man climbing stairs, or the man waiting on a side street to get into the slow moving traffic at the end of the day? Chances to help someone such as these, although they seem small, are passed by unnoticed; we **should** notice them.

World-Wide Bible Reading

More than 20 million persons all over the world will participate this year in the Worldwide Bible Reading program of the American Bible Society.

Worldwide Bible Reading, now in its 22nd year, is observed annually between Thanksgiving and Christmas as a spiritual bond to unite the peoples of the world. The theme for 1965 is "Faith for a New Age."

Each day, all persons participating read the same verse from the Bible. Selections are printed in advance on bookmarks and distributed by the Society, without charge, to churches, hotels, libraries, stores, banks and to people who request them.

This year, the first selection will be Psalm I, to be read on Thanksgiving, and the last selection, to be read on Christmas, will be Luke 2:1-20. Different selections are listed for each day of the program.

Among the highlights of the observance are Bible Week, Dec. 5 to 12, and the reading of the Christmas Story on Christmas Eve. Special booklets containing the Christmas Story are provided by the Society.

Those participating may use the Bible of their choice, in any translation or version. Because of the growth of the ecumenical movement in recent years, many more persons are expected to participate this year.

The Society, which will observe its 150th anniversary this spring, limits its activities to the translation, publication and distributon of the Bible, without note or comment, and the encouragement of its use.

The program originated in 1943 from a request by a lonely Marine stationed in the South Pacific. He wrote his parents asking them to join him in daily reading of identical verses selected from the Bible. Together they would be able to maintain a true spiritual bond although thousands of miles apart. His mother, recognizing the tremendous spiritual hunger which must be experienced by many servicemen throughout the world, called the Society's office to share the idea. Thus Worldwide Bible Reading was born.

The Society's officers enlisted the active cooperation of churches across the country to bring this idea to the families in their congregations. In time, shared Bible reading between home and foxhole grew to worldwide proportions, and in the years following, people in other countries have joined in this Bible reading program between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Bookmarks are available by writing the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022. Also a booklet containing the Christmas Story may be obtained without charge from the same source. In quantity, the booklets cost $3 per hundred.

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Resource And Method Guide Available

Additional copies of **The Youth Ministry Resource and Method Guide,** mailed to local churches a few weeks ago, may be ordered from the Audio-Visual Library, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244. The cost is 20c for postage and materials. This Guide includes more than 270 resources and forty variations of methods for encouraging discussion and participation in youth groups.

The Forms Of Audio-Visuals

Filmstrips By far the largest group of audio-visuals, filmstrips are easily stored and relatively inexpensive. They are rolls of film containing individual pictures (called frames), either color or black and white, based on a central theme. Almost always they come with a script telling about each picture. Sometimes they also have a guide giving suggestions on how to use the filmstrip with discussion groups. More and more filmstrips are coming out with 33 1/3 rpm recordings which narrate the pictures and provide background music and/or sound effects. More than one hundred and twenty of the resources listed in this guide are sound filmstrips.

Motion Pictures "Movies" are certainly more appealing than filmstrips, but they are also considerably more expensive. They are 16 mm sound and silent films requiring a motion picture projector with a skilled operator. Listed herein are seventeen running from 15 to 34 minutes long. Almost all are black and white.

Slides These are individual pictures, usually in color, slightly larger than filmstrips. Like filmstrips, slides come in series centering around a theme. They have scripts in most cases. They require a slide projector which may or may not also be usable as a filmstrip projector.

Records Both 78 and 33 1/3 rpm records are a part of this Library. They come in sets and individually, depending on the subject. Some are adapted from radio broadcasts. Others are instructional in limited concerns such as hymns, folk songs, and every church visitation.

Others Not listed in this guide are dozens of flat pictures, flip charts, posters, and curriculum teaching pictures. Particular needs may be shared with the Library and pictures may be on hand just suitable for the needs.

And a last word . . .

Two last words, really. It is wise to preview the resource before actually using it as a part of a program. It is highly important that these resources NOT be used as THE program at any given time, but that they serve merely as "pump primers" for discussion and/or action by the group. Audio-visuals should never be used as crutches to fill up a program, but always as tools as one part of a program.

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In nothing is it possible to satisfy all men every time. Whether in politics, inter-personal relations, editing any publication, preaching or living by standards honestly believed to be Christian . . no person can possibly convince all other persons of the value of his position. Jesus is the best example of this fact of life.

Just as surely as this is so, there will be the frustrated ones and the disgruntled, the insecure and the uncertain, the frightened and the ignorant-by-choice, who will react unpleasantly to ideas not in agreement with their own. These are the rumor-starters, the anonymous letter writers and such. Jesus had to put up with them; everyone at some time or another has to. The words of Jesus were strong words when he spoke about such people and the light of truth. Let the unknown fear and suspicion generators of every generation heed well his remarks.

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ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Dear Friends:

We at the Elon Home for Children are quite pleased with the success of our new service — the Day Care Center — which was established in May of this year. The director is Miss Maxine Bean, a 1964 graduate of Elon College. Assisting her is Mrs. Delores Overby of Burlington who has been interested in the Home and has often had boys and girls visit in her home.

The Day Care Center was initiated with the assistance of the Day Care Division of the State Welfare Department. It was established in the basement of Holt Memorial Chapel and is furnished with furniture designed for small children.

The new service benefits parents in our immediate area. The response has been good, even during the vacation period for families working in plants. Inauguration of the Day Care Center makes up a "multiple service Home," offering group care, foster home care, and day care — all licensed by the State.

In the Day Care program we feel we can be of assistance to the boys and girls in the three-to-five year age group and at the same time make it easier on parents and provide a better homelife for such family groups. Both parents of such children are at work all day, and our center is responsible for care, entertainment, and guidance of the youngsters.

We are pleased that our Home was selected by the Day Care Division of the Department of Public Welfare to organize and conduct a model Day Care Center.

Should any of our friends be in this area, we invite you to visit us. And please consider this an invitation to look in on our Model Day Care Center. If we should forget to invite you when you are on campus, remind us, please.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder

REPORT FOR AUGUST 23, 1965

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Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 95.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	29.80
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	241.30
Total	$366.10
Special Offerings	

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Mt. Pleasant Christian Church, Frazeysburg, Ohio, Missionary Society	5.00
Congregational United Church of Christ, Greensboro, N. C., Women's Fellowship	10.00
Congregational Christian Church, Sanford, N. C. Vacation Bible School	19.50
Windsor Christian Church, Windsor, Va. Women's Fellowship	20.00

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Memorial Gifts	
In Memory of Mr. W. Huneer Scott (3 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mr. Joseph P. Kelly (2 Memorials)	
In Memory of Dr. John T. Hoggard	
In Memory of Mr. Real T. Blythe	
In Memory of Miss Gertrude Wade	
Total Memorial Gifts	52.00
Special Offerings	82.71
Total	$314.01

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Total for the Week	$555.31

Rec-Nic Planned

What's It For? When work on the lake redevelopment project began, the ramshackle structure near the old picnic area was razed. It was unsturdy and in poor condition. In order to provide sheltered picnic facilities for church groups making use of Moonelon Center for retreats, family outings, and similar afternoon or evening gatherings, the Rec-nic needs to be constructed. During the camp and conference season, this same facility will serve as a center for small group study, recreation, and fellowship, providing shower and bathroom facilities for swimmers, as well.

What'll It Be Like? This facility is planned to blend in with the construction of the dining hall and cabin units — concrete block and a shingled roof. It will be about 25' x 40', or larger if we receive enough funds to make it larger. Included in its equipment will be showers and toilets. The floor will be concrete slab. The fireplace will be large enough for cooking and burning trash. Picnic tables are already available for use in the Rec-nic. The location of this new addition will probably be where the volley-ball court now is, or in that general area.

What'll It Cost? The cost is very flexible. Whatever we receive beyond the minimum of $3,600 will be used to add roof and floor space beyond the 25' x 40'. If we could make it 25' x 50', for example, this would add another $1,400. A snack shack section could also be added at the open end. It all depends on the support given to the project.

A Word Of Appreciation This will be the third consecutive year during which the Women's Fellowship of the Southern Convention has offered to support a major project for the development of the facilities at Moonelon Center. First it was the beds and bedding. Then the kitchen equipment. And now the women have graciously agreed to accept this further need as one they would like to meet through their Life Membership and Memorial gifts.

For their constant encouragement and generous support, those who have used the Center and those who have been responsible for its improvement extend warm and deeply felt appreciation to the women whose faithful stewardship has attested to their real involvement in the ministry to young people and church groups carried on at Moonelon Center.

Rev. Gass At Reidsville

Rev. and Mrs. Eric Gass, missionaries to Raipur, India, were visitors to the Reidsville Church recently. Mr. Gass preached at the morning service on September 5. The Reidsville Church is furnishing financial support for the work of this missionary couple through the Board for World Ministries of the United Church of Christ. Rev. Dan W. Jones is the minister of the church.

Women's E. N. C. Fall Conference

Originally scheduled for October 5, the Fall Conference of the North Carolina Women's Fellowship **will be held instead on October 12.** The speaker for this meeting will be Mrs. Lawrence Durgin, wife of the pastor of the Broadway Congregational Church (UCC) in New York City. The First United Church of Christ in Burlington will be host for this conference.

A Worker's Covenant

My Endeavor as a Christian Worker

Believing in God and in the present urgency of the need for the Christian religion in personal and social living, I covenant with the Master, the pastor, the superintendent and other officers and teachers of the church school, to do my best this year:

1. To seek to grow spiritually by the discipline of personal devotion, including Bible study, prayer and meditation
2. To be in my place when possible and when I cannot be present I will notify my substitute or the superintendent as far in advance as possible
3. To be in my place on time, because of the importance of my work
4. To co-operate with my fellow-workers in making the whole school effective
5. To be as regular as possible in my church attendance because of my own need for the strength that comes from the worship of God
6. To devote an adequate amount of time each week to preparation for teaching
7. To take advantage, as much as possible, of training opportunities.

Signed ______________________

In consideration of the above pledge, the church and the Christian Education Committee hereby covenant:

1. To make available, in so far as possible, a suitable place in which effective teaching can be done

3. To be responsible for selecting officers and teachers who will be diligent in the work, will counsel with us from time to time relative to its improvement, and will be co-operative in the teaching ministry of the church

4. To provide well-planned opportunities for the further preparation of us all.

Signed ______________________

Minister

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Chairman
Christian Education Committee

(This covenant was adopted by the Oakland Christian Church in Chuckatuck as a testimony to its awareness of its responsibility toward the teaching ministry in the church and the responsibility of the workers within this ministry.)

New Directory & Calendar Of Prayer

The October 1965 - November 1966 Directory and Calendar of Prayer, published by the United Church Board for World Ministries, is now being distributed. This 160-page book does several things:

- reminds the reader daily of his part in the total mission of the church
- brings to mind the many individuals who are overseas as the representatives of the United Church of Christ
- help visualize the work and the places and the circumstances under which they do it — in most cases as members of the international staff of churches and church-related institutions of other lands
- encourages daily thought and prayer for the whole witness being exercised through the mission to people throughout the world

Copies of this resource are available for 25c from Central Distribution Service, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Penna. 19102. Order using the code designation WM-IP-0965-30M.

Haw River P.F.'ers Go Western Style

At a recent business meeting at the Haw River United Church the main topic was the building and financing of the proposed new church building. The meeting was progressing as usual with suggestions and ideas from the various members as to what and when should be our next move. Then from the back of the church started coming suggestions and questions from a group of senior high PFers who had just come in from their Sunday evening meeting. They said as members of the church they too had a right to help build that new church, and they continued by saying they could help a great deal in raising the money. But, thought some, these are just teenagers who are only talking; they will forget their big ideas before they go to sleep tonight. But not so with this group . . .

Thus it was at this meeting the seeds were planted in the imaginative minds of a group of energetic PFers. "What could we do to help raise that money? . . . Lets' see . . . a car wash . . . well we've done that . . . doughnut sale . . . I had to pay for more than I sold the last time . . . Something different . . . A Horse Show? Why not? " So without discussing this with their advisors or the pastor, they set out to gather all the information which would be necessary in explaining their proposed project. In short they believed they must have a carefully prepared case before they presented it to anyone for approval. And believe you me, there wasn't a loophole anywhere, for I looked and looked. They had not forgotten a thing.

A horse show must be the way for us to do our part in raising the money for the new church contended the PFers, and so to work they went. The date was set. The horse show arena was rented, and the horse owners were contacted. Then posters were made to announce their plans, and for an added attraction a pony was purchased to be given away at the show. The next steps were the printing of tickets and the ordering of the trophies for the winners of the show events. Now it was ticket selling time, and for the next three weeks about fifteen teenagers went from house to house and from store to store selling tickets. They also produced an attractive booklet which would be given out at the show. The group then came up with the idea that it would be good if they had some additional beauty there, so they asked one of their number Jean Long, Miss Mebane of 1965, and Linda Mansfield, Miss Graham, to be present to award the trophies and the ribbons to the winners of the various events.

The big day finally approached, and this energetic group of PFers were on the move. The track was made ready; the record player was connected, and the western records were rounded up. The concession stand was stocked. The tickets were sold, and each PFer knew what he had to do at the show . . . some took up tickets at the gate, others registered the horses, the events had to be set up in the ring, and the concession stand must be manned.

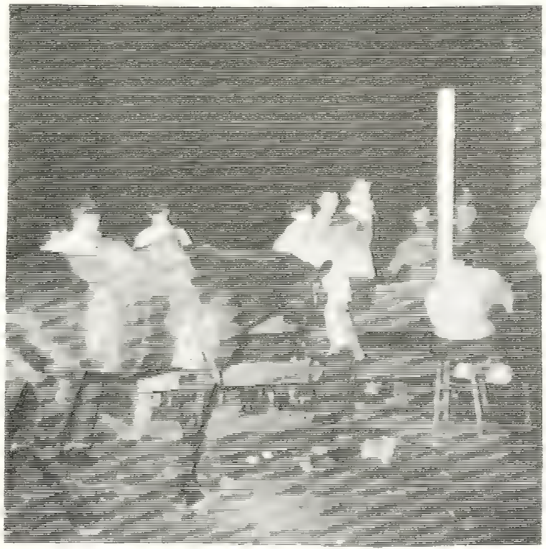
At show time there were twenty-nine horses and ponies registered to enter one or more of the fourteen classes. Not only were there a fine selection of horses, but according to the track owner the crowd was one of the largest to ever attend. Everything seemed to fall into place. The teenagers knew what their duty was, and they went at it. Team work was at it's best. The crowds enjoyed the show, and the faces of the PFers showed that they had accomplished something worthwhile.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

The night proved to be long for the teenagers, and around 1:00 a. m. Sunday they went to the parsonage to count their profits. What would they make . . . $100, $200, $225, or just what? The money was emptied on the floor, and they enthusiastically began to count. The more they counted, the higher the figures went. Then they knew! The show had been a success, for they brought in over $600. After all the bills were paid, they had made a profit of about $400. Who says PFers can't do anything but talk and dream? Not the PFers at Haw River! They put their money where their mouths are!

Then home it was for a few hours sleep, because church time would soon roll around. The entire group of PFers made it to church on time the following morning. They were not only doing their part in helping build the church, but they felt the need of attending God's home to worship.

This group of PFers is not only a blessing to the Haw River United Church, but it also serves as an example for some of the older members. For these young persons are taking seriously their calling as Christians, and they are doing their part in the local church program. The Church is speaking to their lives, and they are responding. Thank God for their lives.



Moonelon Progress

Bulldozing equipment arrived at Moonelon Center on the afternoon of September 7 to begin work on the lake-site. If rain doesn't hamper operations, the work should be completed in two or three weeks. As of now, the total amount received is $3,040. **About $500 still is needed!** Groups looking for a project are urged to share in this one if they haven't already. Those who have participated are also urged to consider adding to the amount of their support. It's needed now! Please send it to Remake-A-Lake, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

The cabin and shower-room heaters are also being installed. The funds are on hand to cover the cost of these. If your group was considering sending funds for this project, **please redirect them toward the lake project.**

NOTES FROM THE DESK

. . . And Some Are Plumbers

Les Sinkum and Hezzekiah Jointtester are honorable men. No one at our East Burlap Church ever doubted this fact. Both Sinkum and Jointtester had been members of the church for years. As trustees they had served faithfully for more than a generation.

Last year both men were appointed as Maintenance Committeemen. Shortly after their installation service, state inspectors notified our church at East Burlap that the plumbing in the hot water heating system was in poor condition and needed overhauling.

Sinkum and Jointtester went about the task of getting estimates for the job. After receiving what, to their way of thinking, were extremely high estimates, they assured the trustees of the church that the overhauling was something that they, Sinkum and Jointtester, could do themselves with very little difficulty. That was back during the summer of last year.

In the early fall, the refreshing nip of worshiping in an unheated sanctuary was a pleasant change. Sinkum and Jointtester worked away beneath the church building. By early winter, the purple lips and fingers of worshipers went well with the advent altar colors. As the coldest days came, extension cords for electric blankets and heating pads were only a minor hazard compared to the water which froze on the floor when hot water bottles broke or leaked. Sinkum and Jointtester worked long hours with dedication and prayerful application.

As spring came along, people once again could worship without the distractions of stamping cold feet, nose blowing in large numbers, continuous processions to the fusebox (the electric blanket and heating pad count mounted tremendously and blew dozens of fuses at the height of the coldest season), and the minister getting the buckles of his storm boots tangled and stumbling with the offering plates. The faithfulness of the members of our East Burlap Church held up well.

And then, in mid-August, Sinkum and Jointtester ascended from the depths of the basement and announced that their labors with the heating system had been completed. With characteristic beneficence they insisted on donating their time and hard work. This was rather fortunate, for at reasonable hourly rates their labor would have amounted to slightly more than seven hundred dollars above the church's treasury balance at that moment, including missions.

The trustees could do nothing less than plan a special rededication service for the completed heating system work. A special switch was placed at the pulpit so that at the proper time in the service the minister could turn on the heating system and the congregation could listen to the water coursing through the overhauled system in worshipful appreciation while the organ played Flow, Jordan, Flow.

Working up to this high point in the rededication, prayers, hymns, scripture and sermon added reverently to the occasion. Then, as the organist began to draw the powerful strains of the rededication hymn from the organ, the minister threw the switch. The people were absolutely silent. Not in order to catch the heart-warming sounds of water rushing through the overhauled system, but simply because not one of them had ever seen fountains of water erupting from the tops of gurgling organ pipes.

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First Annual Session

September 30, 1965

Elon College, N. C.

Morning Session

9:00—Registration and Fellowship
9:45—Call to Order .... Dr. William T. Scott, Sr.
Chairman of the Interim Board
Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory"
Devotions .... Dr. Lonnie A. Carpenter
Salisbury, N. C.
Determining of Quorum, Report of Registrar
Announcement Concerning Delegate Seating
Announcement of Legal Status
Confirmatory Election of Officers and Co-ordinators
Statement of
Purpose .... President of the Southern Conference
Greetings .... President J. Earl Danieley
Response .... Mrs. Henry Kennedy, Jr.
Thomasville, N.C.
Report of the Business Committee
- a. Program
- b. Suggested Items of Business
- c. Suggested Procedures
- d. Recommendations and Other Matters

Announcements of Special Committees
- a. Elections Committee
- b. Resolutions Committee
- c. Other Committees

10:15—Reports from the Southern Conference of the UCC, "Unincorporated"
- a. Steering Committee .... Rev. G. Melvin Palmer
- b. Collegiate Staff .... Dr. Clyde L. Fields
- c. Co-ordinators (Stewardship and OCWM, World Ministries, Church Extension, Christian Social Action, Lay Life and Work, Worship, Health and Welfare, Evangelism, Higher Education, Church and Ministry, and Historical)
- d. Other Reports

Special Music .... Elon College Singers

11:00—Reports from the Consolidating Corporations
- a. Statement of assets and liabilities
- b. Joint Recommendations for completing the work of each corporation, and for the operation of the Southern Conference
  - (1) Operation to December 31, 1965—Staff assignments and authorizations
  - (2) Operation beginning January 1, 1966

Report from Budget Committee
(First Reading) .... Mr. Wm W. Greenland
Chairman, Salisbury, N. C.
Report from Nominating Committee
Nominations from the Floor
Closing of Nominations
12:00—Announcements
Benediction and Grace for the Noon Meal ....Dr. W. J. Andes
Elon College, N. C.
Recess for Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Call to Order
Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"
Prayer .... Rev. Earl T. Farrell
Bayside, Virginia Beach, Virginia
Elections (by Ballot)
Budget Committee Report (Final Reading and Action)
Actions on Recommendations
Other Business
Date and Place for Spring Session of the Conference
(Recommendation by the Interim Board)
Report of Elections Committee
Hymn: "The Church of God is Stablished"
Prayer .... Rev. J. Taylor Stanley
Greensboro, N. C.
Address—"Who Owns the Church?" .... Dr. Truman B. Douglass
Executive Vice President, Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ, New York, N. Y.
*Installation of Officers
5:00—Final Adjournment
Benediction

*Installation of employed staff will be held at a later date.

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

> **I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.**
>
> **/KJ**

> **I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.**
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> **/RSV**

> **I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to examine them. Please have me excused.**
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> **/Goodspeed**

Most ministers, somewhere along in their careers, silently foster a desire to write a book entitled "1001 Excuses For Not Meeting Church Obligations." It seems to be a human frailty to place one's relationship to the church at the top of the excuse list. We attend PTA meetings; we go to social affairs; we don't miss TV programs; we wouldn't think of staying away from fraternal meetings. But the church . . . ah, yes.

The irrationality of the whole substitutional postponement idea shared by churchmen and women defies analysis. Admittedly faith and religion are bases for life. The highest ideals are found within their sphere; the morality or nations has been centered on religious dicta. Hundreds of millions of dollars are spent annually on things religious. But when a list of priorities is drawn . . . the church too often resides at the bottom.

Perhaps it's the fact that the church will be there when we need it. Or maybe the idea is that, among other organizations, just so long as membership is kept in good standing formally we need only to participate occasionally just as we would in other organizations. Even this is inaccurate, however, for one suspects that more time is spent on other activities organizationally than ever gets spent on things churchish.

We all have our oxen to examine.

Concerning The Southern Conference

By DR. W. T. SCOTT

Chairman of the Interim Board

The Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., will hold its first meeting in Whitley Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Elon College, at Elon College, North Carolina, Thursday, September 30, 1965. The Southern Conference is the result of the national union of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church in 1959. The new Conference is composed of Churches of both denominations in the State of North Carolina, and of those Churches in the State of Virginia, South of the county lines of Middlesex, King and Queen, New Kent, Henrico (excet that Churches located in the city of Richmond are given the option to affiliate with the Conference North or South), Goochland, Fluvanna, Albemarle, Nelson, Rockbridge, and Alleghany. Consolidating to form the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ will be the Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, consisting of 70 North Carolina Churches with 16,558 members; the Convention of the South of North Carolina and Virginia, consisting of 158 Negro Congregational Christian Churches with 16,948 members; and 186 Churches with 33,613 members of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches also of the two States.

Headquarters for the Conference of 414 Churches with 66,155 members will be at Burlington, North Carolina. The Conference will have 2 administrative areas in North Carolina and 1 in Virginia. The new Conference will have two Colleges within its bounds — Catawba, located at Salisbury, N. C., and Elon, located at Elon College, N. C. It will have two Homes for Children — Nazareth, located at Rockwell, N. C., and Elon, located at Elon College, N. C. It will also have Conference Centers and camps — the assembly grounds at Blowing Rock, N. C.: John's River, located at Collettsville, N. C.: Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C., and Moonelon near Elon College, N. C.

Business of the first session of the Conference will include the completion of legal consolidation of the three former corporations; the election of a slate of officers including a Conference Minister, Associate Conference Ministers; other staff personnel; Conference President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treassurer; a Board of Directors, and Committees. A budget for the year will be adopted, and a transaction of other business including receiving of reports from Boards and Committees and from employed staff members. The principal address at the Conference will be given by Dr. Truman B. Douglass, of New York City, N. Y., Executive Vice-President of the Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ. Dr. Douglass' subject will be "Who Owns the Church?"

The Conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. with registration and call to order at 9:45 a.m. It is expected that the session will adjourn not later than 5:00 p.m.

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Let Us Remember:

Let us remember that the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., will hold the first Annual Meeting at Elon College on September 30, 1965. The formation of the Southern Conference will be both historic and unique in American Protestant Church life.

LET US REMEMBER:

The Southern Conference will combine three area units of United Church of Christ into one body. 70 Churches of the Southern Synod from the Reformed tradition, 158 Churches of the Convention of the South from the Negro Congregational and Christian tradition, and 186 Churches of the Southern Convention from the White Congregational and Christian tradition (primarily Christian tradition) have completed Articles of Consolidation to be filed with the Secretary of the State of North Carolina on September 30. The first meeting will be held on the same date.

LET US REMEMBER:

The program for the meeting on September 30 will provide for Election of Officers and Staff, Adoption of the Budget for 1966, and Reports from Committee Coordinators and others. Dr. Truman B. Douglas, Executive Vice-President of the Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ, has tentatively accepted an invitation to be the main speaker for this important occasion.

LET US REMEMBER:

All Churches included in the new Southern Conference may be represented by one lay delegate. Churches with a membership of more than 300 will be permitted an additional lay delegate for each additional 300 members or major fraction thereof.

LET US REMEMBER:

All Ordained Ministers holding standing in the Southern Synod, Convention of the South, and the Southern Convention within the boundaries of the Southern Conference will also be voting delegates.

LET US REMEMBER:

Can people from different religious traditions, different racial and ethnic origins, different eccelesiastical patterns, different theological convictions, can people with these differences find unity in Christ and in the Southern Conference? The eyes of the World will watch with interest.

Let every Church remember to elect delegates! Let every elected delegate be present! Let every Minister remember to be present! Let us all remember that "the prayer of righteous men availeth much!"

Clyde L. Fields

Breakthrough Visitors Appreciated

Over a period of eight days, nearly forty men shared in the experience of bringing the Breakthrough emphasis to the churches of North Carolina. Another forty participated in Eastern Virginia. Of those in North Carolina active in this witness, fifteen were ministers and the remainder laymen. Some made as many as six visits with local churches. And these are the men:

E. J. Austin (Southern Pines), **Marvin Lineberry** (Liberty), **J. C. Newell** (Ramseur), **Roy Hayes** (Randleman), **G. Ervin King** (Burlington), **Jay R. Crutchfield** (Burlington), **Wayne Perry** (Burlington), **Guy Alling** (Durham), **D. Marsh McLelland** (Burlington), **William B. Terrell** (Elon College), **William Oakley** (Reidsville), **J. Ray Hunter** (Sanford), **John T. Kernodle** (Durham), **L. M. Presnell, Jr.** (Asheboro), **Thomas Rascoe** (Burlington), **O'Neal Carey** (Burlington), **Clifton Black** (Liberty), **Richard Lashley** (Burlington), **Ira L. McDowell** (Asheboro), **A. Johnnie Massey** (Burlington);

The Reverends **J. Rex Thomas** (Sophia), **William Everhart** (Asheboro), **L. T. Wilkins, Jr.** (Liberty), **William A. Rich** (Belew Creek), **Lowell A. Smoot** (Sanford), **L. M. Presnell, Sr.** (Asheboro), **Bill Traylor** (Ramseur), **H. Winfred Bray** (Union Ridge), **Thomas W. Madren** (McLeansville), **Robert W. Roschy** (Southern Pines), **Willis E. Joiner** (Liberty Vance), **Richard L. Jackson** (Durham), **Clyde L. Fields** (Elon College), and **Richard N. Rinker** (Elon College).

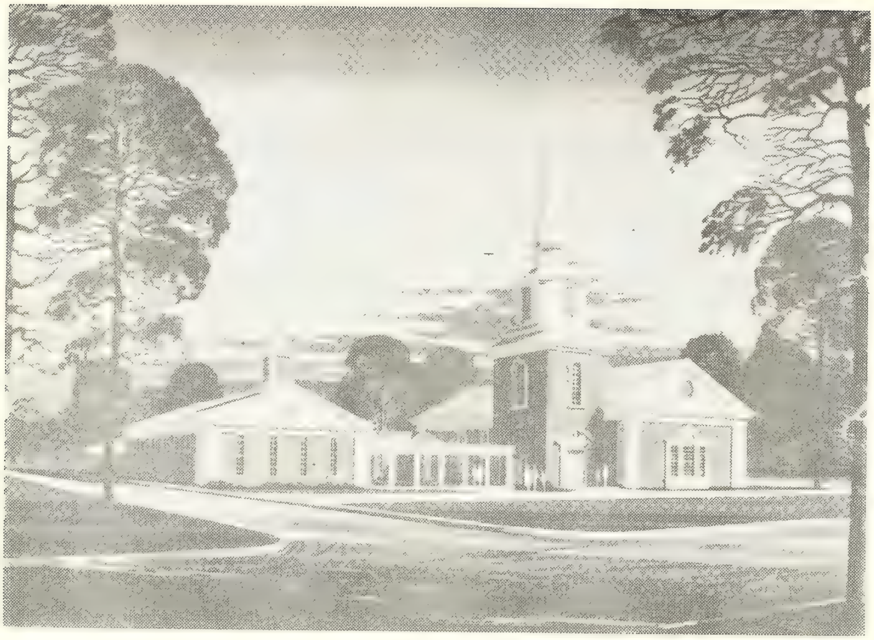
For their willingness to share in the training necessary for these visitations, for their time and energies involved in the visits they made, and for the fine witness they made to their belief in Our Christian World Mission, these men are to be commended.

MEMBERSHIP EXCHANGE AT RALEIGH

The United Church at Raleigh is sharing in a membership exchange program with Davie Street Presbyterian Church beginning September 12. The aim of the program is to establish some relationships across racial lines in Raleigh and in the Christian community. Several members of the United Church will transfer their membership to the Davie Street Church and, in like manner, several will come to the United Church from the Davie Street fellowship.

BIBLE CATALOG AVAILABLE

An attractive 32-page catalog has been received from The American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022. This booklet is entitled "The Holy Scriptures In English and Other Languages" and can be obtained from the above address. It lists inexpensive Bibles for use in church school classes, as gifts, and at home. Several of the items listed are unique aids in Bible study. This coming year will mark the 150th Anniversary for the Society.



New Facilities To Be Dedicated

The First United Church Of Christ Hampton, Virginia

September 26

On Sunday, September 26, the new facilities at Hampton, Virginia, of the First United Church of Christ, will be consecrated with special services.

At the 11:00 a.m. worship service, Dr. W. T. Scott will speak on **(The Past) Under Marching Orders.** Greetings will be brought from the Eastern Virginia Conference of the Southern Convention by the Rev. L. Bill Simmons, Virginia Field Secretary. A special arrangement of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" will be presented by the Minister of Music for the church, Miss Judith Coffman.

At 4:00 p.m., Dr. H. S. Hardcastle will speak at a cornerstone laying service on **(The Present) For Such A Day As This.** Sharing in this service will also be Mr. W. H. Baker, Mr. G. G. Givens, and Mr. L. L. Taylor. The Youth Choir will provide music.

The 5:00 p.m. service of installation and consecration will feature an address by Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, whose topic will be **(The Future) Rearming For New Challenges.** During this service the pastor of the church, the Rev. Carl Wallace, will be installed as pastor and teacher of the church. Others in the service will be Rev. John Lackey, Rev. Robert Marr, Mr. H. H. Henderson, and Mr. Rufus Powell.

You will be interested in reading the following description of the new facilities written by the pastor:

ABOUT OUR BUILDING

The influence of English Colonial Architecture upon our building is readily discernible when one views the graceful, white spiral reaching 130 feet into the air, feels the warmth of the colonades, sees the multicolor shutter formation that controls light through clear glass windows and catches a glimpse of doors encased in delicate symbols of a by-gone era.

The floor plan describes the letter H with the front wings forming the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall and the rear wings housing classrooms. The connecting wing in the center of the church will be occupied by small children in front of which a garden will grow and behind which a playground is planned. Ample parking for an estimated 300 cars is available to the rear of the building accessible by a drive that encircles the entire edifice.

The furnishings in the Sanctuary follow the colonial theme with white-end pews and maroon carpet covering the entire floor surface. A divided chancel is enhanced by a velvet dossal that hangs seventeen feet bordered by colonial pilasters and appears to fall from beneath a "three-foot" white cornice used to connect walls with ceiling.

The parlor at the rear of the Sanctuary is connected by a decorative folding partition. This unique arrangement allows for extra space for worship and a suitable place for a coffee hour and small receptions. Furnishings for this room will follow later using antique reproductions. A small kitchenette joins the parlor and entrances from the Narthex and Foyer make possible an area entirely separate from the sanctuary when the partition is closed.

Colonial furnishings for the C. D. West Memorial Chapel are presently being chosen. Capable of seating forty persons for small weddings and funerals this room will be easily accessible from the outside through an entrance on the east of the building.

The stainless steel kitchen with a cafeteria serving counter, and gleaming white cabinets, wraps around the stage of the Fellowship Hall and gives the impression of a packaged unit for preparing, serving and eating food. The white walls of the hall are softened by pastel green furnishings. Various colors of metal chairs are used throughout the educational area giving an air of cheerfulness.

The building was designed by C. A. Huff, Architect, Richmond, Virginia and the General Contractor was W. M. Jordan of Newport News, Va.

BUILDING FUND AT HAW RIVER

A recent every member canvass for the new church facilities at the Haw River United Church of Christ proved to be highly successful according to word received from their pastor in his newsletter to the members of that church. Fifty-one commitments were received amounting to more than $18,000.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Improvements On Campus Noted As President Addresses Faculty

Improvements to the Elon College physical plant, admissions policies and problems and the college instructional program were topics discussed by Dr. J. Earl Danieley, President, as he spoke briefly on Thursday night, September 9th, when the college was host to the Elon faculty and the faculty wives and husbands at a dinner in the McEwen Memorial Dining Hall.

Beginning his 9th year as Elon's president, Dr. Danieley first welcomed both new and returning members of the faculty to the campus for the opening of the 1965-66 term. The dinner was followed on Friday afternoon by the first official faculty convocation of the new year, which featured Dr. H. Hugh Russell, of Atlanta, Ga., as guest speaker.

Speaking of the improvements to the Elon physical plant, President Danieley first cited the new heat distribution and hot water system, which has been in process of completion during the summer months. The new system, installed at a cost of $200,000, is nearing completion. The hot water lines are ready for the arrival of Elon students the weekend of September 11th, and the heating facilities are to be ready for use by October 1st.

Dr. Danieley also called attention of the faculty guests to architect's sketches of a new dormitory for men, a new student center, and a new library, which are scheduled for construction in the immediate future at a cost of more than $1,450,000. Sketches were displayed on easels in the dining hall so that all might see the plans. The buildings are to be of traditional architectural style.

The new dormitory for men, which is to house 150 men and which is to be erected in the southeast corner of Elon's walled campus, is to be built through a loan of $359,000 from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency. Construction is to begin not later than November, and the building should be ready for occupancy in September, 1966.

Construction on the new student center on the south side of the campus, immediately south of the administration building, is also slated to begin in November and to be ready for use next September. It will be built through a loan of $274,000 from the Housing and Home Finance Agency and will provide space for student government activities, along with the campus book store, snack shop and other facilities.

While announcing the immediate erection of the men's dormitory and the student center, Dr. Danieley also stated that plans are being prepared for complete renovation of the Duke Science Building by the beginning of the 1966-67 college year, and stated that construction of the new library building is contingent upon approval of a grant through the Federal Educational Facilities Act and upon completion and success of a drive that is planned in the near future for additional funds. The new library would cost more than $800,000 and would provide space for 145,000 volumes and seating for 602 students. The present library has 54,000 volumes and seats about 100 students at a time.

Professors' Obligation Is Cited

"A professor should do what he is capable of doing so that his students may become what they are capable of being." That was one of the opening statements by Dr. G. Hugh Russell, Professor of Management in the School of Business Administration of Georgia State College, as he addressed the Elon College faculty at the opening faculty convocation of the new term on September 10th.

The guest speaker, who operates his own management psychology firm in Atlanta in addition to his teaching duties at Georgia State College, spoke on the topic of "Ethical Obligations of the Student — Professor Relationship," and he defined the term "ethical obligation" as a "should be" relationship.

Dr. Russell declared that the obligations of a professor include interest in the development of the whole student, including that student's mental health, achievement of educational skills and vocational success. He also listed the obligations of a professor to know his subject well, to seek to inspire creativity in his students and communicate with the students in language which they can understand.

He listed among the special conditions which prevail in the classroom the fact that the professor knows more about the subject under discussion than do others in the room, that the professor wields great power over the success or failure of his students and that the results of a professor's work are not measured, and from these he moved into a discussion of the various motives which lead a person to enter the teaching field.

Along with the obligations of a professor, Dr. Russells also listed and discussed the obligations of the students. He declared that all students are obligated to be interested in the subject, to come to class well prepared, to seek for excellence themselves and to encourage other students to seek excellence.

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BIBLE HOUSE AT LINCOLN CENTER

New York.—Bible House, being erected near Lincoln Center, will be the fourth home of the American Bible Society since the Society was organized in New York City 150 years ago, and will house under one roof all of its headquarters' activities in distributing, publishing, translating and encouraging wider use of the Scriptures.

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In speaking of the admissions policies and problems at Elon College, President Danieley stated that the college received more than 1,500 applications from new students this year and pointed out that the college will only have facilities for the registration of a freshman class of about 350 students. He stated that regretfully outright rejection notices had to be sent to more than 39 per cent of the applicants.

In closing his remarks to the faculty, Dr. Danieley reminded his colleagues that the purpose of the faculty and the college is that of teaching. He cited a number of articles and studies which stressed the importance of motivation, stimulation, encouragement, leadership, guidance and counselling as parts of the teaching program. While citing various definitions of excellence in teaching, he expressed the hope that "we may all be faithful to the high and noble calling which we have as teachers."

THE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
1505 Race Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

September 9, 1965

The Rev. Richard N. Rinker
Elon College, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Rinker:

This is to give you official assurance that all funds which have been utilized to provide bail, to support any part of the Racial Justice Now program or to support the Commission on Religion and Race of the National Council of Churches have been drawn from the funds received from the Racial Justice Now offerings. In other words this is to indicate to you that no OCWM Basic Support funds have been used for these purposes. As was determined by the 1963 General Synod when the Racial Justice Now Committee was authorized and the offerings themselves were authorized only these funds were to be utilized for the above named purposes.

It is my hope that this gives you the information which you desire in this matter.

Cordially,
Sheldon E. Mackey
Executive Secretary
The Stewardship Council

Growing In Faith

It is not the form or vocabulary of the Bible, nor even its literal substance, that alone stimulates believability. Rather, it is the extraordinary and commanding quality in so many instances of a verse to reflect with exact accuracy our own inner, innate beliefs and aspirations. It is this inspiration stimulated within which irrevocably establishes — at least to my satisfaction — the true believability of the Scriptures . . . .

We need, as all men have needed throughout the ages, a consuming faith. There are two ways to faith. Instinctive believers are given the vision, the intuition, and the insight to say, **this is right.** Many people fear that an ideal is evidence of slipshod thinking, simply because it can't necessarily be proved, rationally. They wonder if they are really smart to hold to such an ideal, because other people exclaim, **Why do you think that?**

Now I know this much of life — **that the counsel of the disbeliever always worries the man who instinctively believes.** Those who find faith first and understanding later need never be ashamed of it . . . nothing changes more rapidly than an intellectual point of view. Men and women in the past have been hardly able to wait to move the current household intellectual gods from the mantel to the closet.

Faith in yourself, in your calling, and in your God, when instinctive, is precious. The Bible has the qualities which butress and support such instinctive faith.

Other people have to work for faith — they have to understand it first. They have to reason it out. They have to think it through. They are no less successful in finding faith than those who have it instinctively . . . . If a person genuinely looks for faith, he will find it. A person **should** seek it, I think, from those who have it, not from cynical disbelievers. One never finds the answer for belief in men or books or vocations committed to disbelief.

—Mr. James F. Oates, Jr.
Chairman of the Board
The Equitable Life Assurance Society

Education In Japan

"We feel a responsibility to help educate all these children . . . ."

Last year in April we opened our new fully-accredited Junior College at Shinonome on a new campus about a 15-minute bus ride from our present junior-senior high campus. We had about 270 students this year and anticipate about 250-280 new entrants next month. This spring also, we will break ground for the second unit of our new college buildings which will make possible opening two new departments in English and Kindergarten Teacher Training by another spring, we hope. You who want to help us with this vital work can do it best by seeing to it that you and your church and your local conference adequately support the total budget of the United Church of Christ in general, and the work of the United Church Board for World Ministries in particular.

The post-war baby boom has passed through our junior high school, and we are back to our goal of not more than 200 girls each in what would be our 7th, 8th, and 9th grades of American school. We call it Junior High I, II, III here. But our senior high school is really bursting at the seams with more than 500 girls each in 10th and 11th grades, and about 400 in 12th (Senior High I, II, III). We feel a responsibility to help educate all these children, but it makes the personal touch with each student so difficult.

At church this year I've been working as church school superintendent which has given us the chance to try to activate a Christian Education Committee which has long been in name only. This job has opened up opportunities for work with the church council and with a Bible study group made up of council members.

The minister of the church and I have also been experimenting in teaching a Bible class together, making it a part of the church evening worship program and using both the English and Japanese languages in an effort to have the study be more interesting to those who come for English language study, as well as deeper understanding of the Bible itself. We've had about 28 in the class this year, one-fourth of whom are Christian.

From: **Miss Louise Auchenbach**, Japan

North Carolina Women's Fellowship

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fourth Quarter, 1964-65,
ending August 31, 1965

Women's Fellowships	Amount
Albemarle	$ 20.00
Antioch (R)	11.00
Apples Chapel	84.00
Asheboro	40.00
Auburn	3.00
Belews Creek	40.00
Bethel	25.00
Bethlehem (A)	10.00
Burlington, Beverly Hills	40.00
Burlington, First	268.90
Burlington, Lakeview	8.75
Carolina	9.00
Damascus	5.50
Durham	109.15
Elon College	52.50
Ether	16.50
Flint Hill (R)	5.50
Fuller Chapel	12.50
Greensboro, First	347.50
Greensboro, Palm Street	37.53
Greensboro, St. Peter's	15.00
Hank's Chapel	27.50
Happy Home	35.00
Haw River	13.75
Hayes Chapel	5.00
Hebron	5.00
Henderson	55.50
Hendersonville	34.00
Hines	80.00
Lebanon	6.75
Liberty (WNC)	35.00
Liberty, Vance	85.50
Long's Chapel	18.75
Monticello	32.00
Mount Auburn	12.00
Mount Pleasant	10.00
New Hope	10.00
New Lebanon	35.00
Pfafftown	10.00
Pleasant Grove	12.50
Pleasant Ridge (G)	15.00
Pleasant Ridge (R)	44.00
Pope's Chapel	10.00
Raleigh	66.00
Ramseur	12.00
Randleman	5.00
Reidsville	140.00
Salem Chapel	56.25
Sanford, Northview	12.50
Sanford, United	92.50
Shallow Ford	23.75
Shallow Well	21.60
Smithwood	5.00
Sophia	24.00
South Boston, Center	13.75
Spoon's Chapel	6.25
Turner's Chapel	23.75
Union Grove	18.50
Union Ridge	30.25
Union (Va.)	53.00
Wake Chapel	34.85
Winston-Salem	17.00
Zion (NC)	6.00
Zion (WNC)	8.00
	$2,423.53

CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Apples Chapel	26.65
Durham	6.37
Elon College	39.00
Reidsville	27.86
	99.88

CRADLE ROLL

Durham	2.98
Reidsville	23.37
Union Grove	5.00
	31.35
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$2,554.76

Disbursements

Expense of	
President (Includes cost of printing 1965 Fall Conference programs)	88.85
District chairman	41.70
Treasurer	5.00
Council for Lay Life and Work (Program Opportunities for Executive Board)	49.25
Gray & Creech, plate for theme hymn	5.68
N. C. Council of Churches (for migrant work)	27.86
	218.34
Mrs. W. B. Williams, treasurer Southern Convention Women's Fellowship:	
Missions — General Fund	1,812.42
Missions — Home	12.00
Missions — Foreign	22.00
Missions — Special	5.00
Life Memberships	320.00
Memorials	130.00
Rachanyapuram School for Girls	6.00
Dr. Ed Riggs	3.00
Moonelon	26.00
	$2,336.42
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$2,554.76

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. E. Danieley,
Treasurer

Women's Fellowship Fall Conferences

NORTH CAROLINA — **October 12 — at First Christian Church Burlington, N. C.**

EASTERN VIRGINIA — **October 7 — at Richmond, Virginia**

Speaker: Mrs. Larry Durgin, New York City

Registration: 9:30 A.M.

Word From The P. F. President

Hi! My name is Gerry Oxford. I have been given the task of telling you about your new Southern Convention President. I was told that I was selected because I know him better than most people and I see him quite often.

He is 17 years old and lives in Elon College, North Carolina. He is a senior at Western Alamance High School and a freshman at Elon College. His high school activities include National Honor Society, Student Council Representative, debating team, French Club, Junior Exchange Club, annual staff, and varsity basketball. His favorite subjects are biology and chemistry and he plans to major in one of the two at Elon. In his junior year he was honored with a scholarship to attend Appalachian State Teachers College for a summer course in ecology sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

In the realm of Pilgrim Fellowship, it has been his privilege to serve as local vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and action chairman. He has been president and co-fellowship chairman of the North Carolina-Virginia Conference. He was one of the Southern Convention's Youth Forum delegates in 1964. He is presently acting as chairman of the Youth Ministry Committee of the North Carolina-Virginia Conference and Southern Convention President.

He enjoys golf, diving, sports cars, basketball, The Searchers, Gerry and the Pacemakers, The Dave Brubeck Quartet, Shakespeare, strawberries, girls, and Pilgrim Fellowship. Of all these, he highly recommends Shakespeare, girls, and Pilgrim Fellowship. Shakespeare for culture, girls for companionship, and Pilgrim Fellowship for attaining a Christian perspective of your religion as it pertains to the world, to the youth, and to the adults. He hopes that Pilgrim Fellowship will prove itself as worthwhile an experience for you as it is for him.

Thank you for this opportunity to tell you a little about your new president. Oh, by the way, his name is Gerry Oxford.

CYPRESS CHAPEL P.F.

The Senior High Fellowship of the Cypress Chapel Christian Church recently held its annual picnic at Cape Colony, North Carolina. After a picnic supper, president Judith Brinkley called the meeting to order and the following officers were elected: Shirley Baines (president), Blake Monroe (vice president), Richie Baines (secretary), Roland Greens (treasurer), Mrs. C. Wesley Brinkley and Mrs. Ernest Lassiter (advisors).

HEIDELBERG U.C.C.Y.E.

The Senior High Fellowship at **Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville** used **Members One Of Another** as the basis for their September 12 program. This is one of the audio-visuals available from the Southern Conference Library at Elon College.

On The New Morality

In these days of brushfire wars, riots, racial tensions, strikes and general unrest everywhere, even in our churches, America is definitely experiencing a changeover from her age-old moral standards to a new morality, untried, tricky, risky and wholly questionable. We don't have to turn to a particular individual to inform us about this new moral attitude, but Rev. Harold L. Brown, minister to Park Street Church in Boston and to students at Harvard University, discusses it and contends it is allied with religion in business, education, social, sex and other activities in today's changing world. He says, of course, that religious practices and ideas have had a tremendous effect upon society and all activities in it; that statutory laws have their peculiar effect upon the control of such activities where and when control is needed. But the much greater effect and influence comes from general moral feelings based on religion. Without these feelings to establish a great moral consensus, shoplifting would be so prevalent, despite law-enforcement, that it would be difficult to keep goods on the shelves in many stores throughout the country.

Like it or not, we are now undergoing this transition from morality as we have known it to a new morality for the social, economic, cultural and all other phases of life for the future. The old morality has always had for its positive and authoritative guide, God, the Ten Commandments and the steward's accounting emphasized by Jesus Christ. These have been the means for safety from a wavering conscience in all matters of man's concern. The Commandments have been his ultimate authority from God. Man, of course, can either accept them or reject them; he cannot change them.

Significantly by contrast, the new morality rejects and even ridicules the Ten Commandments as a basis for moral living. Professor Fisher of the Harvard Divinity School says, "Only one thing is intrinsically good, namely, love; nothing else." Since God is love, scripturally speaking, the new morality sidesteps God, declaring love is all-inclusive, since it is intrinsically good. This is like proving the old syllogism, that a cat has ten tails. One convinced that love is all-inclusive without God can say, in whatever he does, he is acting out of love. Thus, if he steals or takes from his employer on the side to supplement his pay, his conscience is clear, if he acts out of love.

Under the new morality doctrine, nothing is ever right or wrong because of specific commandments or principle. It is right or wrong because it is more or less loving. This new morality is more popular now on college and university campuses, but it is spreading rapidly to all phases of life, not merely as a fad but because it is pleasant, agreeable, easy to follow and so little demanding. Its greatest popularity is in social activities, and there is very little being offered vigorously to rebuff it. Will it prevail and move us closer to Communism? Certainly, declaring against God is playing up to the Communists.

Fred F. Myrick
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Norfolk, Va. 23508

Commissioned By Christ

by A. Johnnie Massey

While staying at Antioch, Paul heard some disturbing news from the Galatian churches. Hebrew Christians had gone among the Galatian churches and told the people that they must be circumcised before they could become Christians. These Hebrews also claimed that Paul was not an authority because he had not been one of the twelve apostles. Paul, being unable to go at once to the churches, wrote a letter to the Galatians in defense of his stand.

Paul strikes out from the very beginning in his letter by saying that he is an apostle not by human appointment or human commission, but by commission from Jesus Christ and from God the Father who raised Him from the dead. This is the first verse of the first chapter of Galatians.

According to the dictionary, an apostle is one who is sent forth; a messenger, a commissioned officer or ambassador. There were many people who felt that Paul could not be an apostle because of the way that he had persecuted the Christians. They pointed out that no official in the Church had appointed him to be an apostle. Also, they pointed out that when Jesus chose his twelve disciples and later sent them out into the world, Paul was not one of the twelve.

Paul's answer to these charges was that he had been commissioned directly by God. While on the road to Damascus, Paul met the risen Lord and there he experienced his God-given apostleship. Paul's commission came from Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead. Only a living Christ, could meet Paul on the Damascus Road. Only a living Christ could cause Paul to change his attitude towards Christians and become an apostle for Christ. Paul pointed out that this commission did not come from men. He did not get his call to deliver his message from any group of people within or without the fellowship of the church. Nor did he come through men. No church official had ordained him to service.

We in our own lives, whether lay people or members of the clergy, may be commissioned into service of the Lord Jesus Christ by certain men or by a group of people, but this will not suffice our requirement to be his servants. We must be commissioned by Christ, the living Christ, and by God the Father in order to serve our master faithfully. When we accept Christ into our lives we also accept his commission to be disciples and apostles. The revelation of Christ into our hearts may come dramatically, as in the case of Paul on the Damascus Road, or it may come through a silent period of meditation and prayer. The way in which Christ comes into our life is not so important as the realization that he is there with his love and understanding.

Following the example set forth by Christ and by the apostle Paul, we as Christians are to go forward into the world, to be there for the world, in behalf of the world, and for the welfare of the world.

SEND IN DELEGATES' AND MINISTERS' REGISTRATION CARDS FOR THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE RIGHT AWAY.

Silver Anniversary Reception For Registers

The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Register were given a surprise silver anniversary reception by the Women's Fellowship of Beverly Hills United Church of Christ, where Mr. Register is minister, on September 5 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Rippy on North Sellars Mill Road. The reception was under the direction of Mrs. Ervin King president of the Women's Fellowship.

Mrs. Rippy greeted guests and presented them to the honored couple and their children, Phyllis and Johnny.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Green and the Rev. and Mrs. Allen Hurdle registered guests.

Mrs. Ervin King directed to the dining room where a green and white color scheme was predominant in decorations and refreshments.

Mrs. Herman Brooks, Mrs. Ray Sawyer and Mrs. Norman Burke poured punch. The five-tiered anniversary cake was served by Mrs. Charlie Oakley, Mrs. Mayo Fowler and Mrs. Jack Rhodes. Members of the Senior Pilgrim Fellowship assisted Mrs. Trubie Vincent, Mrs. John Boswell and Mrs. Edgar King with the serving.

Goodbyes were said to Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Buckner and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fossett.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY — DURHAM

September 26 is going to be Christian Education Sunday at the Durham Congregational Christian Church (UCC). As a part of the 11:00 o'clock service of worship, Bibles will be distributed to the graduating members of the Primary Department and a service of dedication will be held for all officers and teachers of the Church School.

The Best Years Of Our Lives

By Mrs. W. W. Sloan

Life has a way of bringing us to the end of an era, and a new beginning. The youngest child goes off to school. Some memento of other days long treasured has deteriorated to mere shreds. A gift made by the hands of a dear one has been used until it is no longer useful. A cherished piece of family furniture finally collapses beyond repair.

Moving, change of job, retirement, marriage, birth, death, — each of these is the end of one era and the beginning of another. Looking backward to the good old days is as foolish as it was for me to cry myself to sleep the night before starting the first grade in that little Indiana town, because I felt unequal to the unknown problems of school life.

We look ruefully at a red leaf on the lawn. How could summer have gone so swiftly? Then the zestful weather of September picks us up and our enthusiasm rises to meet the tasks at hand. We are dismayed at a streak of gray in our hair, and we groan, "I'm growing OLD!"

So what! Who wants to stay young when maturity beckons? Who wants to stay put when widening horizons give us spiritual perspectives that young-adulthood cannot see? I do not want to be cheated out of living life to the full, — to its heights and to its depths. Least of all do I want to walk unaware through the challenging changes we call growing: growing up, growing old, outgrowing . . .

Last summer on a Sunday evening I sat with a niece while she sang bed-time songs to her little ones: "Jesus went about doing good." Once, many years ago, I had put her to bed with singing. Listening to her now, my enjoyment was doubled.

It was last summer, also, that we spent a night in the cramped apartment of Gil Kim, a former Elon student from Korea, who had achieved his Master's in architecture and was practicing in Cincinnatti for a year before returning home. His capable Korean wife welcomed us graciously. Kim gave us a bear-hug reminiscent of his goodbye seven long years before. There was also a hug for "Gramma and Grampa" from his daughter, Helen, a dainty little miss of three, whose shiny black hair, fine as silk, was caught up in an American-style "pony tail" which left a delicate dark fringe on temples and forehead.

Then there was the Sunday when, in a little Methodist Church in Iowa, we heard Chai Seng Ling preach, our own "John" Long who, after graduating from Elon, had chosen to struggle his way through several more years of school and seminary before returning to Sarawak.

In Iowa, too, we looked up a young woman who, as a member of our church, was a dismal disappointment to us because eighteen years ago she chose marriage instead of college. We were surprised and overjoyed to find her still sharing freely her God-given talents, in church music and in youth camps, while at the same time finishing up her college work in night classes.

> "Our times are in His hand Who saith 'A whole I
> planned' . . . .
> Trust God; see all, nor be afraid."

So age brings fulfillment to the discouragements of earlier years.

Why should I not want to grow old, and older? "The best is yet to be," and in doing so I can outgrow many undesirable situations, many unbeautiful personality traits which come between me and other human beings. I can learn compassion, knowing my own shortcomings. I can achieve poise, seeing in better perspective the little worries that loom so large to younger eyes. I can be free, with a freedom unknown to those immature enough to fear the opinions of others.

I want to look and act my age — and enjoy it! I do not want to look like a school girl, nor be mistaken for a young matron. A mature man once complained to the photographer who had artfully removed all signs of age from his face: "Those are my scars of battle. Put them back!"

If it were not for those wrinkles, the fading hair, the soft sagging flesh and waning powers of body, I might forget my age, cling childishly to the joys of youth and miss the unfolding of new experiences which the future holds. I might not yearn for the life which lies ahead, stretching endlessly up steps of spiritual growth.

"Forgetting," then, "those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before," let us grow old together, pressing "toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

ON THE EDGE

Depth discussion centered on the poem **Sometimes During Eternity** one Sunday in September at a **Haw River United Church of Christ** PF meeting. The discussion took place after a cook-out for the young people held by Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bingham.

During the week of October 5, **Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro** will have the Rev. Richard Masters from Hagerstown, Maryland, as guest preacher in connection with M.O.R.E.

Dr. and Mrs. Warren Matthews held cook-outs at the parsonage for the three youth fellowship groups of **The Christian Temple, Norfolk,** on September 12.

An interesting sermon title, **Yes, But Why The Church?,** was the topic of the day at **Calvary United Church of Christ, Thomasville,** on September 5. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Huitt R. Carpenter.

Mr. Robert C. Baxter met with the Women's Fellowship of **Mt. Zion United Church of Christ, Mebane,** on September 10 to share information about the Elon College Diamond Anniversary Fund.

Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Southern Convention Superintendent, will serve as missioner for the M.O.R.E. week observance from October 4-10 at **Center United Church of Christ in South Boston.**

Both the morning and evening meetings of the Women's Fellowship at **First Christian Church (UCC) in Burlington** will be concerned with the current missions theme: MISSION — THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING. Leaders for the meetings will be Mrs. John Robert Kernodle and her son, John; for two summers John served with the Student Volunteer Services of the United Church of Christ.

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REPORT OF RECEIPTS FOR APPORTIONMENT

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

PAID 1-1-65 TO 9-9-65

N. CAROLINA & VIRGINIA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Bethlehem	1,937	1,452.74	484.26	23
Asheville	2,261	940.00	1,321.00	00
Belew Cr.	674	300.00	374.00	00
Monticello	946	473.00	473.00	13
Bethel	991	175.00	816.00	21
Bev. Hills	2,479	1,648.00	831.00	00
Carolina	884	662.94	221.06	17
Edgewood	627	.00	627.00	00
Burl'ton, 1st	6,234	4,623.94	1,610.06	146
Hopedale	649	328.00	321.00	00
Lakeview	473	336.50	136.50	00
Long's Ch.	1,200	900.00	300.00	00
Union Rdg.	2,982	700.00	2,282.00	27
Zion	294	10.00	284.00	00
Durham	3,125	1,725.00	1,410.00	227
Berea	473	150.00	323.00	00
Elon Col. C.	3,114	400.00	2,714.00	130
Concord	688	.00	688.00	20
Shal. Ford	1,479	525.00	954.00	00
Apple's Ch.	2,796	1,631.00	1,165.00	00
Gibsonville	621	125.00	496.00	00
Gra. Prov.	1,123	250.00	873.00	00
Greensboro:				
Calvary	423	33.35	389.65	00
Cong.	6,655	4,436.48	2,218.52	1,213
Palm St.	2,315	2,315.00	.00	00
St. Peter's	683	161.51	521.49	00
Pleas. Rdg.	490	500.00	.00	137
Haw River	1,341	641.00	700.00	00
Hendersonv.	1,805	.00	1,805.00	00
Kallam Gr.	377	173.50	203.50	00
Hines Ch.	1,565	1,043.36	521.64	97
Mebane	125	125.00	.00	00
Mt. Zion	1,386	900.00	486.00	6
Pfafftown	759	.00	759.00	00
Reidsville	4,290	290.00	4,000.00	1,743
Howard's Ch.	249	.00	249.00	00
N. Lebanon	1,000	252.30	747.70	00
Hap. Home	1,263	.00	1,263.00	14
Lebanon	526	102.00	424.00	00
Mt. Bethel	400	200.00	200.00	00
Tryon	3,715	2,568.00	1,147.00	680
Salem Ch.	666	132.00	534.00	00
W.-Salem	1,248	832.00	416.00	6
Rocky Ford	264	.00	264.00	00
Danv., Va.	3,789	.00	3,789.00	45
Pleas. Gr.	1,030	.00	1,030.00	00
Lynchburg	605	.00	605.00	00
Liberty, Va.	1,061	.00	1,061.00	5
Hebron	272	136.00	136.00	00
S. Boston	1,162	300.00	862.00	00
Ingram	859	400.00	459.00	00
Union, Va.	2,347	2,180.00	167.00	00
Totals	78,730	35,077.62	43,662.38	4,570

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WESTERN N. CAROLINA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Albemarle	2,127	1,417.84	709.16	00
Asheboro	1,915	957.50	957.50	00
Bailey's Gr.	132	10.00	122.00	00
Pl. Cross	508	381.00	127.00	20
Pl. Union	398	150.00	248.00	00
Spoon's Ch.	355	355.00	.00	00
Union Gr.	640	500.00	140.00	00
Bennett	49	.00	49.00	00
Pl. Grove	1,330	300.00	1,030.00	00
Biscoe	210	.00	210.00	00
Flint Hill (M)	345	58.00	287.00	00
Big Oak	507	17.01	489.99	00
Ether	474	220.00	256.00	00
High Point	669	375.00	294.00	00
Liberty	794	282.00	512.00	00
Pleasant Hill	2,057	1,700.00	357.00	166
Smithwood	964	397.00	567.00	00
Antioch (C)	534	133.50	400.50	00
Hank's Ch.	1,536	787.00	773.00	137
Ramseur CC	1,124	800.00	324.00	00
Pl. Ridge	1,664	832.00	832.00	00
Shiloh	247	.00	247.00	00
Randleman	1,150	816.00	334.00	3
Brown's Ch.	644	325.00	319.00	00
Prov. Ch.	163	.00	163.00	00
Grace's Ch.	687	94.78	592.22	00
Northview	456	150.00	306.00	00
Zion	725	.00	725.00	00
Seagrove	551	400.00	151.00	9
Antioch (R)	483	.00	483.00	00
Needham's Gr.	648	200.00	448.00	00
New Center	274	.00	274.00	00
Siler City	210	25.00	185.00	00
Sophia	600	273.45	326.55	30
Flint Hill (R)	294	.00	294.00	00
Shady Gr.	287	.00	287.00	00
Mt. Pleasant	552	200.00	352.00	47
Ramseur UCC		50.00		
Totals	26,303	12,207.08	14,171.92	412

EASTERN N. CAROLINA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Special
Pleas. Hill	270	.00	270.00	00
Ebenezer	709	.00	709.00	00
Damascus	483	200.00	283.00	15
Martha's Ch.	203	.00	203.00	00
Bethel	177	20.00	157.00	00
Ch. Hill, U.	1,445	400.00	1,045.00	71
Clayton	537	437.00	100.00	00
Amelia	1,060	795.00	265.00	19
Fayetteville	1,037	349.00	688.00	00
Mt. Carmel	318	.00	318.00	00
Pope's Chapel	438	109.00	329.00	00
Chris. Light	605	.00	605.00	00
Garner, Trin.	658	.00	658.00	17
Hayes Ch.	680	400.00	524.00	00
Mt. Hermon	408	.00	408.00	00
Henderson	2,303	600.00	1,703.00	00
Fuller Ch.	894	596.00	298.00	51
Lib. Vance	2,126	1,187.00	939.00	400
Hope Mills	238	155.36	82.64	00
Bethlehem	390	200.00	190.00	00
Mt. Gilead	438	348.00	90.00	20
New Hope	722	.00	722.00	6
Mt. Auburn	727	400.00	327.00	00
Chris. Chapel	211	.00	211.00	00
Morrisville	196	100.00	96.00	22
New Elam	918	.00	918.00	00
Niagara	94	50.00	44.00	00
Auburn	709	730.00	303.00	00
Piney Plain	949	134.00	815.00	00
Plymouth	546	.00	546.00	12
Raleigh, U.	2,183	.00	2,183.00	00
Raleigh, W.	558	32.25	525.75	00
Sanford, 1st	2,211	1,474.00	737.00	4
Lee's Chap.	427	200.00	227.00	00
Moore Union	362	.00	362.00	00
Shallow Well	2,143	500.00	1,643.00	50
Turner's Ch.	530	57.00	473.00	00
So. Pines	3,002	1,500.00	1,502.00	00
Wake Chap.	2,566	1,100.00	1,466.00	33
Beulah	997	.00	997.00	00
Youngsville	288	100.00	183.00	20
Good Hope	333	67.06	265.94	00
Oak Level	525	338.25	186.75	00
Antioch	367	100.00	267.00	00
Totals	36,981	12,678.92	24,870.08	740

EASTERN VIRGINIA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Special
Bayside	2,057	400.00	1,657.00	00
Rosemont	4,764	5,500.00	.00	493
Oakland	2,763	2,073.00	690.00	230
Dendron	180	174.20	49.10	00
Union, Surry	112	112.00	.00	00
Beth., Disp.	386	195.00	191.00	00
Centerville	231	231.00	.00	00
Berea, N.	1,457	600.00	857.00	61
Mt. Zion	520	184.00	336.00	20
New Lebanon	64	.00	64.00	00
Franklin	3,158	1,236.00	1,922.00	374
Hunterdale	2,198	210.00	1,988.00	36
Hamp., 1st	4,023	.00	4,023.00	00
Holland	1,740	1,305.00	435.00	25
Holy Neck	1,844	812.50	1,031.50	00
Hopewell	723	200.00	523.00	00
Isle of Wight	409	209.00	200.00	00
Lynnhaven	1,490	.00	1,490.00	106
Warwick	1,606	750.00	856.00	54
Norfolk:				
Bayview	1,797	500.00	1,297.00	65
Central	757	40.00	717.00	40
Chris. Tem.	6,410	4,273.35	2,136.65	149
Gt. Bridge	3,025	1,730.00	1,295.00	21
Lit. Creek	471	175.00	296.00	00
Portsmouth:				
First	1,402	225.00	1,177.00	25
Shelt. M.	1,315	630.00	685.00	00
United	1,291	71.00	1,220.00	00
Pr. George	442	200.00	242.00	39
Rich., 1st	1,623	496.00	1,127.00	00
S. Norfolk	4,476	2,984.00	1,492.00	12
Beth., N.	4,371	2,622.98	1,783.51	150
Suf., Chris.	7,991	3,250.00	4,741.00	00
Cyp. Chap.	2,104	.00	2,104.00	00
Lib. Spring	2,317	1,743.00	574.00	70
Va. Beach:				
First	968	100.00	868.00	139
Pem. Manor	300	.00	300.00	00
Wakefield	599	304.00	295.00	10
Barrett's	93	.00	93.00	00
Burton's Gr.	206	104.52	101.48	00
Mt. Carmel	828	437.00	391.00	00
Waverly	1,498	.00	1,498.00	3
Spring Hill	220	67.74	152.26	5
Windsor	1,678	1,472.25	205.75	54
Antioch	575	350.00	225.00	00
Eure	1,417	420.24	996.76	00
Damascus	1,002	.00	1,002.00	00
Oak Grove	244	108.00	136.00	00
Totals	79,145	36,495.78	43,464.01	2,181

NOTES FROM THE DESK

We Who Are Of The Minority

Each age in human history has had its minority who, satisfied and comfortably settled in the mainstream of "God's benevolences," convince themselves that, as Voltaire wrote, this is the best of all possible worlds in which they find contentment and relief from frustrations.

Confoundingly, had the minority taken time to give any serious thought to the matter, each age has also had a majority who, insecure and discomforted by an apparent absence of anything remotely resembling divine benevolence, struggled on in a soul-wrenching fight to remain alive in mind and body.

In terms of world population, or income, or the consumption of commodities, or standard of living, or health, or leisure time, or of virtually any other "benevolence," we are among the world's minority remaining mainstreamingly content.

When anyone stands before this tradition of contentedness and intimates that there is a majority unblessed beyond the bastions of color-toned kitchen appliances and suburbanized hedge-rows, the normal reaction is one of defensiveness. We denounce the heretical idea and/or hold up our charities both religious and secular. We say, in effect, "Look, it's not as bad as all that!" or "See here, we're doing all we can under the circumstances!"

We hesitate to probe too deeply into the impressions coming in from "out there." We might discover it is as bad as all that. And worse, maybe. From this discovery, dangerous things could develop, for one of the most effective channels to action available to God is the human conscience, that pitiless needler of sham and contentment.

The United Church of Christ has, among other things, been leading people toward some discoveries in many of life's "religion-proof" shelters. This may well be the reason for objections to new ways of learning, new roles for the laity, new tools and new suggestions of a need for relevancy, though few would admit it. A reformation is aborning. A reformation of significant magnitude to raise the church of Jesus Christ above its own structures and forms to new heights of servitude.

As one part of the United Church of Christ, the Southern Conference can share in this reformation. It may well be this very fact, that we are being called to discoveries which will disturb our complacency and comfort, our cliches and our religiosity, which causes hesitancy for some and enthusiasm for others as the time approaches for a culmination to the union proceedings here in North Carolina and Virginia.

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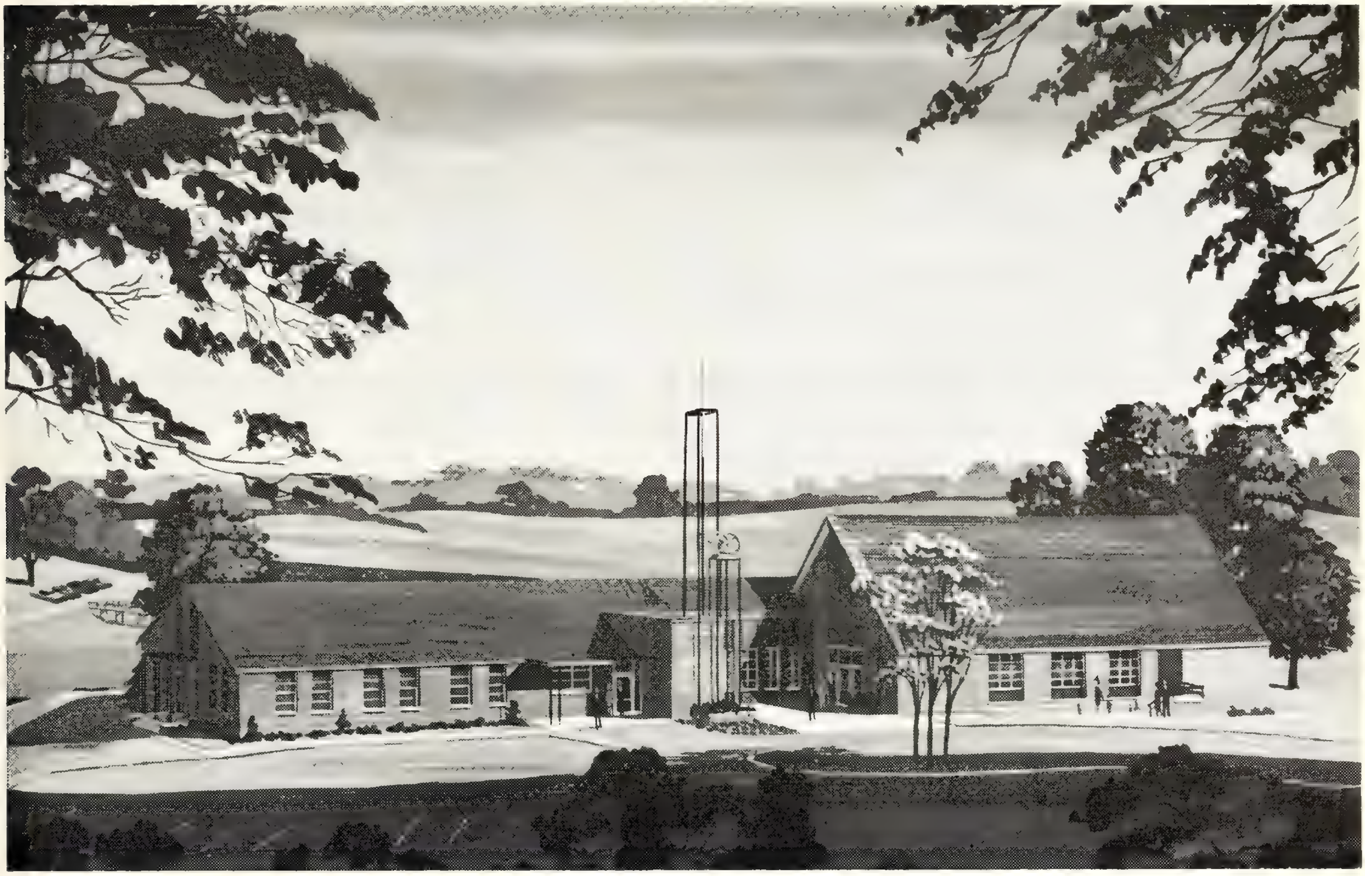

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PROPOSED NEW FACILITIES

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

/KJ

No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

/RSV

No one who puts his hand to the plough, and then looks back, is fitted for the kingdom of God.

/Goodspeed

Having started a task, there might be many different reasons for wanting to look back. There is a certain comfort in being able to see the neat, straight lines of the ruts behind us. Pride; the need for assurance that we can indeed make such a mark in the field of life; the boastful aloofness in being able to point out that "there it is"; we look back over our shoulders and who can say why?

And yet we need to examine our need to cast that backward glance, in order to be better equipped to plow on. Do we look back with nostalgia or with wishful imagination at what has been . . . that of which we are now sure? Do we look back hesitatingly, timidly placing one foot in front of the other, hardly daring to look frankly in the direction we move our bodies while our minds go back?

Are we afraid? Has our heritage and our experience with God left us empty of the knowledge that as we plow in the name of our Lord, we work with our God wherever we move ahead? Are we so shallowly enmeshed in the inadequacies of our being that faith is unable to strengthen us to the tasks ahead? For the plow shall dig more deeply, and longer shall be the rows we are called to create from the raw materials God has given and the tools our minds have fashioned.

Look back with joy and with a sense of accomplishment. Look back with humility for there have been unevennesses in the rows we have plowed. Look back with renewed trust in our partnership with God, finding encouragement to plow ahead, overcoming the boulders and the snagging roots, until at last the seeds have been planted, the plants grown, and the harvest gained.

TV Church Newscast

An experimental religious television newscast was recently started by WTVD, Channel 11, Durham, in cooperation with the North Carolina Council of Churches. The 15-minute program, entitled "News of the Church," is telecast at 7:15 each Sunday morning and surveys the religious news of the preceding week on the state, national, and international levels.

If viewer and station reaction prove favorable, it is expected that "News of the Church" will also be telecast by several other channels across the state.

WTVD officials feel "News of the Church" fills a gap in Tar Heel television programming and provides news coverage not otherwise available. Ted L. Daniel, Director of Radio-TV for the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina, is newscaster on the program.

U. C. C. Leaders Appointed To N. C. C. Vietnam Committee

Three UCC leaders are serving on a special advisory committee on Vietnam for the National Council of Churches: Dr. Ben Mohr Herbster, UCC president; Dr. John C. Bennett, president of Union Theological Seminary, and Mrs. Fred S. Buschmeyer, chairman of United Church Women's Christian World Relations Committee.

In appointing the committee of 12 prominent church men and women, Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, NCC president, called on them to follow a "discipline of hard thinking," to study the crisis in Vietnam and recommend courses of action leading to peace. They are also asked to study and recommend ways to expand cooperative relief and rehabilitation programs for war victims.

Johnnie Massey Leaves Office

During June, July, August and part of September, Johnnie Massey has been sharing as Student Associate in Christian Education with Richard N. Rinker at the Southern Convention office. This was made possible by a scholarship from the Division of Christian Education of the Board for Homeland Ministries of our denomination.

The variety of tasks to which Johnnie addressed himself included work in the camp/conference program, church school teaching, youth work, stewardship education (Breakthrough), editorializing for **The Christian Sun,** training teachers, administrative responsibilities, and many other forms of service. In all things he proved himself equal to his calling. It was a real joy to have Johnnie as a part of the Southern Convention staff family during the summer. It is our sincere belief that much more will be heard from this dedicated young man now in his sophomore year at Elon College.

The Christian Sun

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Installation Service For Charles Bell At Halifax County Parish

An Installation Service for Rev. Charles Bell, as pastor of the Halifax County Parish, was held at the Pleasant Grove United Church of Christ on September 19, at 7:30 P. M.

Ministers participating in the service included: the Revs. H. Winfred Bray, Walter Crosby, Superintendent Clyde L. Fields, Dr. W. T. Scott, Weldon Madren, Richard Petersen, and Charles W. Bell.

Other participants in the service included Mr. Joe Landrum, Mr. John Chappel, Mr. Frank Tuck, Mr. W. W. Shepherd, and the choir of the Pleasant Grove Church.

The Ingram, Liberty, and Pleasant Grove Churches form the Halifax County Parish. Each church was represented and participated in the Service of Installation The parsonage, located at Vernon Hill, Virginia, has been completely remodeled, in preparation for the coming of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Bell and family.

We wish for Rev. Charles W. Bell and the Halifax County Parish a most happy ministry and fellowship together in the work of the North Carolina and Virginia Acting Association and the United Church of Christ.

A Visit To Edgewood UCC

Superintendent and Mrs. Clyde Fields and Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Scott were visitors to the morning service of the **Edgewood United Church of Christ** on Sunday, September 19th.

Rev. Mark W. Andes has recently come to Edgewood United Church of Christ, Burlington, N. C., from a successful pastorate in Winchester, Virginia. Mr. Andes reminded the congregation that one of the marks of a disciple is the hunger and thirst for righteousness. When we hunger for righteousness as the starving man hungers for food and when we thirst for righteousness as a man dying of thirst longs for water, we begin to understand what Jesus meant in that portion of the Sermon on the Mount.

The choir of the Edgewood Church, with Mr. Frank Huffines and Mr. Felix Simmons rendering a duet, added much to the service of worship.

The Edgewood United Church is one of the more recent mission churches started jointly by the Southern Synod and the Southern Convention. We wish for Rev. Mark W. Andes and the Edgewood United Church a successful ministry together.

Report From The Front

"We have left undone those things which we ought to have done and we have done those things which we ought not to have done . . ." These words head an "open letter of confession and concern" issued by the religious community of Los Angeles in connection with the mid-August rioting in the city's Watts area.

The only UCC church in the Watts area, Immanuel at 1785 E. 85th St., was not harmed. Members of other UCC churches in the Los Angeles area sheltered children from Watts during the days of violence and contributed food and clothing for stricken residents.

Immanuel is a joint project of the Urban Church Department of the UCBHM church Extension Division and the Southern California Conference.

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

The Shadows Of A Great Man

The lengthening shadows of a great man were felt by all of us who knew and loved the late Hunter Scott of Franklin, Virginia. The writer of this column knew him as friend, churchman, philanthropist, church builder, community builder of good will, and a man who loved his family. The writer had the privilege of participating in the funeral services with the pastor, Rev. Harold Tribble.

Because many of us have felt the impact of the lengthened shadows of good men and women in our lives, we devote this column to a memorial resolution drawn by the Board of Trustees of the Hunterdale Church as being typical of our affection for persons like Hunter Scott whom each of us may name.

A memorial to a good layman:

On August the ninth, nineteen-hundred and sixty-five, we the Trustees of Hunterdale United Church of Christ were saddened, when our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well saw fit to call home, William Hunter Scott, our beloved friend and devoted board Chairman (since January twenty-six, nineteen hundred and forty-six).

He shall be greatly missed by his friends and neighbors, his community which he dreamed of and built, his Church of which he was a concerned and devoted member and most of all by his wife and children.

"Hunter" as called by many, was a man that could visualize great things for his Church. He was a constant and cheerful giver, sharing a generous portion of that which God had given him with his Church and friends. "Hunter" was a man that seemed to get his greatest delight in helping others, making them happy. He was concerned about the young people and he loved every one of them dearly.

To pay tribute and desiring to express regret from the Board of Trustees, it be therefore resolved:

1. That we bow in humble submission to our Heavenly Father's will.
2. That we are grateful for such a true friend and worker, one who possessed a strong Christian character and lovable personality.
3. That we shall miss him in the fellowship of our work together, but by the Grace of God, his dreams and inspirations may become realities through the untiring efforts of those like him.
4. That to the family and loved ones we extend deepest sympathy and earnest prayers that God's promises may give them comfort and consolation in their sorrow.

Clyde L. Fields

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Co-pastors George Killingsworth and S. B. Leas have been working with school drop-outs and with adults in Watts for the past four years. They reported the potentially explosive nature of the situation to the authorities a number of times without result.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

United Church Student Christian Fellowship

The United Church students attending Elon held their first meeting of the 1965-66 school year at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Andes on Friday, September 17th. Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Director of Church Relations for Elon College, was the speaker at a service of consecration. Dr. and Mrs. Andes, Dr. and Mrs. Scott, and Rev. John S. Graves, College Chaplain, are the sponsors of the UCCF this year. Betsy Jones is the President. The second meeting was held on Thursday, September 23rd, at the home of Mr. Graves in Burlington.

Dr. Scott To Visit Florida

Dr. Scott will visit the churches, alumni and friends of Elon in October. He will leave October 4th and will meet with alumni groups in Jacksonville, West Palm Beach, Miami, St. Petersburg, Orlando. He will speak at several of the Congregational Christian Churches (United Church) throughout the state, and will greet many friends of Elon College. Elon has an increasing number of students from Florida each year, and the College has a number of alumni in the state. Dr. Scott was Superintendent in Florida from 1936 to 1943, with offices in Jacksonville.

News From Betty Chicoine

(Mrs. John E. Eldridge)

Friends of "Betty Chicoine," formerly Director of Young People's work of the Southern Convention, will regret to learn of tragedy befalling her family on September 13th. Her father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. Victor B. Chicoine, were traveling by automobile from Maine to Delaware when their car skidded and went over an embankment, killing Dr. Chicoine instantly, and injuring badly Mrs. Chicoine. Dr. Chicoine was for many years minister of the First Congregational Church in Winter Park, Florida, and since retirement has served as Minister of Visitation in a church in Delaware. He is an honorary alumnus of Elon College, having received the Doctor of Divinity degree in 1938. He was a favorite with young people, and was an able preacher. "Betty," a popular member of the Convention staff in the late 1940's, is now Mrs. John E. Eldridge, 1003 Dixon Drive, Newark, Delaware.

We are glad to report that while Mrs. Chicoine's injury was serious she is recovering in St. Francis Hospital, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Our sympathy is extended to the Chicoine family.

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New York.—The Translation Center in the new Bible House to be completed in 1966 will provide for expansion of translation of Scriptures by the American Bible Society for different levels of understanding, age groups, literacy and interest. The Scriptures have been translated into more than 1,200 languages and dialects.

The Constituting Prayer - Faculty Convocation

SEPTEMBER 10, 1965

By DR. FERRIS E. REYNOLDS
Chairman of the Department of Philosophy And Religion

Almighty God, the Creative Spirit of the universe, who dost ever beckon to us from the hinterlands of eternity, to take up the challenge of new frontiers, we evoke thy divine presence as we are gathered here to begin another chapter in the history of Elon College. In gratitude we remember thy blessings of days past. We are thankful for the swift-moving rivers of experience which carry us out beyond the shores of things commonplace toward the eternal mysteries of the deep — for those sovereign demands that arise within our souls like an unforgettable morning, to direct the way of our decisions and to provide ineffable certainty for our beliefs. We are grateful for this College and all who have helped to determine its aims and to establish its worthy traditions — for its leadership past and present, and for the opportunities which it offers to all of us. May thy Spirit function to a vital relationship between each of us and the College. Unfold before us, we pray thee, those plans and purposes which serve to link our existence with thy will. Stir in us the spirit of crusaders bent upon seeking the holy grail of truth. Wilt thou brighten the hopes that we share and dispel the shadows which may obscure the objectives of our corporate effort.

Give us a taste, we beseech thee, of the joy and the sense of life-fulfillment which issue from becoming personally involved in the lives of our students and other fellow-workers. Lest these academic halls become for us cloisters of refuge, keep us in constant touch with events in our world and ever sensitive to the hopes and frustrations of our common humanity.

By thy help, O Lord, deliver us from the festering effects of small grievances, disappointments and personal differences. Forbid that the critical spirit, so essential to the learning process, should be allowed to degenerate into mere fault-finding or become a substitute for creative passion. Put from us every temptation to exploit our positions in any way or to misuse the special freedom accorded us.

We implore thy help, O God, as we endeavor to develop a right attitude toward our mistakes as well as our successes. Grant that each remembrance of yesterdays' failures may make us not only more humble but also wiser and more determined to succeed. Deliver us from the perils of self-satisfaction and personal vanity. Purge our thoughts and imaginations of easy excuses, soured idealism, wounded pride and needless anxieties. So wilt thou bind us together into a happy and effective community of learners under the leadership of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Southern Conference Audio-Visual Library

Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244

More than two hundred and sixty audio-visual resources are located at the Southern Conference Audio-visual Library. Local church groups may make use of these resources by writing to the above address **at least two weeks in advance of the time when they are need for use.** The only cost is for the return postage. The lowest fee for returning the material can only be obtained by writing **Library Material** on the return label. Excessive or unreasonable damage to the film will be charged to the group responsible for it.

Because audio-visual resources are expensive to replace (as much as ten dollars for filmstrips and more than $100 for motion pictures) care should be taken in using these loaned items. **Only individuals thoroughly familiar with the operation of the equipment should be allowed to use the audio-visuals.** People unfamiliar with proper techniques for using films or records can permanently damage them. **Be certain that projecters and record players are clean before use.** Dirt, even minute particles, can cause irreparable scratches and distortion. **Return the resource to the Southern Conference Film Library immediately after use.** A day's delay in sending it back can sometimes mean that the next group will not receive it on time. Report damaged film or records at once and do not use them.

Additions are regularly made to the audio-visual stock. From time to time announcements of additions will be made.

KEY

a = adult
c = children (1-6 grades)
ca = children-adults inclusive
f = filmstrip without record
fr = frames (pictures)
j = junior (5-6 grades)
ja = junior-adults inclusive
jy = junior-youth inclusive
jh = junior high (7-8 grades)
l = slides
lj = lower junior (3-4 grades)
p = primary (1-2 grades)
m = minutes running time
pa = primary-adults inclusive
r = record (33 1/3 or 78 rpm)
s = filmstrip with 33 1/3 rpm record
w = wall chart
v = motion picture 16mm
y = youth (9-12 grades)
ya = youth-adults inclusive
3 = 3 dimensional Viewmaster reel
* = leadership training

LAY LIFE AND WORK

Family Life

Built Upon The Rock	s	ya	80fr
A Family Affair	s	ya	69fr
For The Record	s	ya	83fr
Harvest From Holidays	s	ya	74fr
No Easy Answer	s	ya	106fr

The Laity

Dedication of The Women's Gift	r	a	
The Laymen's Fellowship	v	a	16m
To Offer Willingly	s	a	68fr

STEWARDSHIP

And Now I See	v	ya	37m
Call For Kumar	s	a	16m
Committee On Stew. & Miss. Education	s	*	52fr
The Cultivation Committee	s	*	13m
A Gift For My Son	v	ya	29m
Go Forth In His Name	s	a	89fr
The Hidden Heart	v	ya	29m
Miracle Of Warren Walker	s	jh-a	56fr
More For Peace	v	ya	44m
A New Commitment	s	a	82fr
The Plan	s	a	64fr
Secret Of The Gift	v	ya	40m
Success Story	s	a	73fr
Through The Looking Glass	s	a	64fr
The Time Is Now	s	a	74fr
Visitor Stewardship Training Kit		*	
a. Profile Of A Steward	s		37fr
b. Day For Decision	s		45fr
c. A Baker's Dozen	r		

CHURCH AND MINISTRY

The Covenant (2)	f	ya	38fr
A Job For Bob	v	y	34m
Meet Bill Hayden	s	a	110fr
Seek Ye First	s	ya	80fr

HOMELAND MINISTRIES

Alaska, Hawaii, Caribbean

Alaska	f	ya	48fr
Amigos Latinos	f	ya	70fr
Hawaii, Brotherhood	f	ya	47fr
Hawaii And Missions	s	ya	60fr
New Neighbors From Cuba	f	c	55fr
We Are All One	f	c	74fr

Church Extension

Basis Of The Blueprint	v	a	17m
Boomtime	f	ya	60fr

Evangelism

Jimmy's Question	s	ya	67fr
You Take It From Here	f	a	50fr

Health & Welfare

The Captive (poverty)	v	ya	28m
Fellowship Center	f	ya	70fr
The Hook (drug addiction)	f	ya	64fr

Indian Americans

Peter Flying Eagle	f	c	64fr
A Time To Build Up	s	ya	95fr

The United Church

On The Threshhold	v	ya	29m
Youngest Church	v	ya	17m
First Person Plural (N.C.C.)	s	ya	75fr

Urban & Rural Church

The Cliff Dwellers	f	ya	70fr
Dick's Discovery	f	ya	60fr
New Frontiers Of Faith	v	ya	20m
The Procession	v	ya	28m
Town And Country Cousins	f	c	60fr

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Pre-school

First Steps in Religion	s	*	62fr
Kindergarten Child & The Church	s	*	92fr
Kindergarten Songs, Games & Rhythms	r	c	
Nursery Child And The Church	s	*	76fr
Nursery Leadership	s	*	108fr
Teaching In The Kindergarten	f	*	92fr

Children

Adventures With The Book (2)	r	c	
The Church Is People	s	c	84fr
The Church Plans For Children	s	*	72fr
Goals Of The Church For Children	s	*	54fr
Greatness	f	c	56fr
The Junior And The Church	s	*	64fr
Next Steps in Religion	s	*	66fr
The Primary Child & The Church	s	*	84fr
Teaching Third and Fourth Graders	f	*	?fr

Youth

Battle On A Small Planet	s	y	18m
Big Enough To Tackle	s	y	51fr
Camping With Junior Highs	f	*	88fr
Christ's Workday	f	y	64fr
Decision Saturday	s	*	73fr
Digging Deep	s	y	65fr
Do You Dig Friendship?	s	y	115fr
Double Identity	s	*	78fr
The Faith Of A Guy	s	y	77fr
A Friend To Youth	s	*	77fr
Gallery Of Witnesses	s	y	51fr
The Hook	s	y	64fr
How Wide Is Our Circle?	s	y	50fr
I Work With Junior Highs	f	*	70fr
ICYE — Journey To Understanding	s	y	68fr
Is This The One For Me?	s	jh	53fr
Jimmie's Question	s	y	67fr
Job Corps (Recruiting)	s	y	136fr
Junior High Friendships	s	jh	49fr
Making Decisions	r	y	
a. The Insiders			
b. To Cheat Or Not To Cheat			
The Meaning Of Engagement	s	y	49fr
Measure Of A Man	s	y	78fr
The Moonelon Story	l	y	61fr
Older Teens And Dating Series	s	y	
a. Conduct On A Date			49fr
b. Falling In Love			51fr
c. Going Steady			54fr
d. When Should I Marry?			45fr
On Being Different	f	y	40fr
Songs Of Many Nations (4)	r	ca	
A Talk With Junior Highs	s	jh	?fr
That Youth May Know	s	*	75fr
This Sustaining Bread	s	ya	15m
Through Faith And Fellowship	s	*	79fr
Vocational Guidance Series	s	ya	
a. Meaning Of Vocation			8½m
b. World Of Work			8 m
c. Church Vocations			9 m
d. Family In Vocational Decision			8½m
We Have This Fellowship	s	y	63fr
You For Youth	s	*	79fr
Youth Seminar 1964	l	y	65fr

Adult

Face To Face	s	a	88fr
Modern Art And The Gospel	s	a	66fr

General

All Aboard For Adventure (11)	r	c	
As The Twig Is Bent	s	*	54fr
Building For Christian Experiences (2)	f	*	70fr
Effective Christian Communication Series	s	*a	
a. What Is Communication?			15m
b. The Communicators			15m
c. Religious Communication			15m
d. Tools For Communication			15m
Flat Pictures	f	*	?fr
A Good Steward (Carver)	f	ja	70fr
The Great Adventure	s	*	72fr
The Growing Teacher	s	*	57fr
How Persons Learn	s	*	70fr
How To Organize For Audio-Visuals	s	*	77fr
How To Use Filmstrips	s	*	68fr
How To Use Motion Pictures	s	*	64fr
Improve Your Teaching	l	*	53fr
Leads To Leadership	s	*	71fr
Let's Face It	f	*	70fr
Making The Most Of Rooms & Equipment	f	*	64fr
A Mirror To Myself	s	a	66fr
No Two Alike	s	*	64fr
Peace On Earth	s	ya	52fr
Plan For Christian Education	f	*	78fr
Planning & Conducting The VCS	f	*	66fr
Rumor Clinic	f	ya	4fr
Sketchbook On Greatness	f	ya	65fr
So You're The Superintendent!	s	*	68fr
Summertime Activities	f	*	77fr
The Teacher Prepares	s	*	56fr
Thoughts On Growing Up	r	lj	
Together We Grow	s	*	85fr
Why Use Audio-Visuals?	s	*	46fr

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Charity Begins At Home	s	ya	17m
Close-Up	f	ya	83fr
Each With His Own Brush	s	ya	42fr
Factors That Confront Us	s	ya	78fr
Growing As World Friends	f	a	48fr
Growing Household Of God	f	ya	77fr
In His Name & For Their Sakes	l	ya	60fr
Into All The World Together	f	ya	96fr
Our World Of Happy Differences	f	c	63fr
Return Of The Stranger	v	ya	34m
The Sending And The Sent	s	ya	22m
To Sing Again	s	ya	110fr
The Travelin' Man	f	ja	75fr
The Two Faces Of Faith	f	ya	70fr

BIBLE, WORSHIP, AND HISTORY

Abraham	f	p-jh	28fr
A. D. 29	f	ya	51fr
Amos	f	jy	27fr
The Bible Through The Centuries	f	ya	60fr
Biblical History And Culture	w	ya	
Christian History And Culture	w	ya	
Church In New Testament Times	f	ya	67fr
Council of Nicaea	s	a	111fr
Dead Sea Scrolls	f	ya	82fr
Festival Of Passover	s	jh	?fr
Five Parables Of Jesus	s	ya	59fr
— The Sower			
— The Good Samaritan			
— The Lost Sheep			
— The Talents			
— The Prodigal Son			
Herod, King of Judea	s	ya	20m
How The Old Testament Came To Be	f	ja	75fr
Hymns For Worship	r	j	
Hymns For Worship	r	ya	
Jacob	f	j-jh	24fr
Josiah	f	p-jh	30fr
The Joy Of Easter	r	p	
The Land Where Jesus Lived	s	ja	
a. Archaeology			
b. Scenes And Cities			
c. Everyday Life			
Life Of Christ (Barosin) I	f	ja	38fr
Life Of Christ (Barosin) II	f	ja	27fr
Life Of Christ (Woods)	l	ja	50fr
Life Of Paul	f	ja	75fr
Love Your Neighbor	r	j-jh	
Moses	f	ya	37fr
Nehemiah	f	jy	26fr
On The Third Day	r	ya	
Parables From Nature Series I	s	pa	
a. Bushy The Squirrel (Rich Fool)			30fr
b. Bootsie The Lamb (Lost Sheep)			30fr
c. Corky The Crow (Wedding Feast)			30fr
d. The Fairy Ring (Wheat & Tares)			30fr
e. Bruso The Beaver (Laborers)			30fr
f. The Wind & Seeds (Sower)			30fr
Parables From Nature Series II	s	pa	
a. The Busy Bee (Wise Virgins)			30fr
b. School Days (The Talents)			30fr
c. House Of The Wren (Builders)			30fr
d. Justus The Ant (Husbandman)			30fr
e. Chuckie Chipmunk (Samaritan)			30fr
f. Peppy The Pup (Prodigal Son)			
The Protestant Reformation	f	jh-a	64fr
Spokesmen For God	f	ya	73fr
Story Of Joseph	s	ja	18m
Story Of Our Bible	f	ja	58fr
What Do We See Of Jesus? (2)	f	ja	42fr
When Jesus Prayed	r	j-jh	

WORLD MINISTRIES

Africa

Face To The Future	f	a	58fr
Joao's Life At School	s	ya	15m
Rhodesia Mission	s	ya	12m
Sumo, A Boy Of Africa	f	c	57fr
Today In South Africa	s	ya	75fr
Tumba Of Africa	f	c	62fr
Village Reborn	f	a	79fr
Work Of The Church In Ghana	f	ya	65fr

Asia

Dr. Riggs' Personal Reports (2)	s	ja	50fr
Dr. Riggs' Work	l	ja	50fr
New Day In Nepal	f	ya	70fr
Today In Pakistan	f	ya	71fr
Views From The Rim	s	ya	117fr

Church World Service

The Church & Human Need	s	ya	90fr
Exiles In The Holy Land	s	ya	79fr
How Real The Hope	s	ya	75fr
Hunger	v	ya	28m
A Matter Of Fact	s	ya	79fr
More Than Warmth	s	c	78fr
My Sister Hilwa	s	c	96fr
A New Language For Kim Po	s	c	53fr
One Traveler	s	ya	75fr
Profiles Of Promise	v	ya	28m
Son Of Ahmad	s	ja	75fr
Wait A Minute	s	c	73fr

Latin America

Manuel Of The Andes	f	pa	76fr
My Name Is Pablo	j	ja	64fr
Witness In Mexico	s	ya	66fr

Near East

The American Board In Turkey	s	ya	69fr
Iraq At The Crossroads	s	ya	51fr
Iraq	l	ya	144fr
See Also Church World Service			

Pacific

A Country In Crisis	f	ya	92fr
From The Church At Nishio	f	ya	72fr
Kimiko Of Japan	f	c	60fr
Parish In The Pacific	f	ya	86fr
University Of Tomorrow	f	ya	81fr

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

The Biggest Thing In Middleville	s	ya	83fr
First Church Serves Its Community	s	a	82fr
Forward	v	a	15m
Freedom Under God	f	ya	69fr
How Do You Love Your Neighbor?	f	ja	80fr
It Happens Every Day	f	ya	60fr
Let Us Break Bread Together	s	ya	67fr
Our World Of Happy Differences	f	c	63fr
Racial Justice Now	v	a	15m
Rebirth In Roxbury	s	ya	83fr

ON THE EDGE

Guest preacher at the **Salem Chapel Church near Belew Creek** was the Rev. Dan W. Jones, pastor of the **Reidsville First Congregational Christian Church (UCC);** Mr. Jones was at Belew Creek September 17-18-19.

A sermon title to capture one's imagination is that of the October 10 sermon by the Rev. Robert Marr at the **Suffolk Christian Church:** "The Sanctuary Slant."

The PF of **Suffolk Christian Church** will be the guests of the PF at **First United Church of Christ at Hampton** on September 26.

The Reverend John Schofield, pastor of **Palm Street United Church of Christ in Greensboro,** will be the guest preacher for a series of special services at **Wake Chapel Christian Church (UCC) in Fuquay-Varina** from October 24-29.

The annual Farrell reunion will be held Sunday, October 3, at the **Hanks Chapel Church** near Pittsboro beginning with a picnic lunch at 12:30. There will be a special song service in the afternoon.

A twelve-hour prayer vigil will be held from 12:30 until midnight on Sunday, October 3, at the **Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville.**

Greensboro Mayor, William Trotter, was guest speaker for the Churchmen's Fellowship at **Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro** on September 20.

Dr. Warren Matthews, pastor of **The Christian Temple in Norfolk,** will be the guest leader for Spiritual Emphasis Week at the **Congregational United Church of Christ in Greensboro** from October 4-8.

A communion breakfast will be held for the men of the **Southern Pines United Church of Christ** on October 3.

The bulletin of the **Union Ridge United Church of Christ, near Burlington, N. C.,** for Sunday, September 19th, called attention to the following special events in the life of the church: October 3 — World-Wide Communion Sunday; October 4-10, Mission on Renewal and Evangelism with Rev. Carl Dunker as guest minister; October 24, consideration of the budget for 1966; November 4, North Carolina and Virginia Conference meeting at Reidsville; and November 7-14, a week of special services for the 150th anniversary of the Church. Rev. Winfred Bray is pastor of the Union Ridge Church.

Eastern North Carolina Churchmen's Fellowship

October 10 6:00 p. m.

McCULLER'S RURITAN BUILDING

Just Off Highway 401 South of Raleigh
At McCullers, N. C.

Officers for 1966-67 will be elected at this meeting. Guest speaker will be Lieutenant Governor Bob Scott. Send reservations to Odell Arnold, Rt. 1, Louisburg, N. C.

Christian Missionary Association

Enrollment Sunday In Eastern Virginia

Membership Fees:

$5.00 Women
$10.00 Men
$15.00 Groups

Why The C. M. A.?

- **Build New Churches**
- **Aid Weak, Struggling Churches**
- **Finance Community Surveys**
- **Provide Supplies For New Churches**

October 17, 1965

SEPTEMBER

BY JOHN G. TRUITT

Funny thing that in September
There is weather to remember,
Of ev'ry kind.
Tropic storms to break the record,
Sunny days with sky that's checkered,
You will find.

Days when autumn is suggested,
Days when summer seems arrested;
And winter soon.
Then alas the heat comes rising
In a way that's quite surprising
Along at noon.

Yet September with her teasing,
Whether hot, or nearly freezing,
Meets the test;
For she walks between the showers
With the summer's prettiest flowers
On her breast.

—From **Happiness And Other Poems**

REPORT FOR AUGUST 30, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 55.00
Western North Carolina Conference	61.00
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	15.00
Total	$ 131.00
Special Offerings	
New Hope Christian Church, Wadley, Alabama	10.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. Luther Prince	
In Memory of Mrs. Bertha S. Mitchell	
In Memory of Mrs. R. H. Fitch	
In Memory of Mr. Joseph P. Kelly (2 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mr. Fonville	
In Memory of Mrs. N. G. Newman, Jr. (3 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mrs. Mary Ann Mitchell	
Total Memorial Gifts	55.00
Special Offerings	90.00
Total	$ 155.00
Total for the Week	$ 286.00

REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 1965

Special Offerings	
Mr. D. M. McLelland, Burlington, N. C.	$ 10.00
Women's Fellowship, Lanett Congregational Church, Lanett, Alabama	13.00
First Congregational Church, Christian Fellowship Organization, Hendersonville, N. C.	60.00
Mr. H. N. Wellons, Burlington, N. C.	5.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. M. C. Barbee	
In Memory of Mr. Caleb D. West	
In Memory of Mr. Chapman Lash	
In Memory of Miss Mildred Satterfield	
Total Memorial Gifts	25.00
Special Offerings	1,626.73
Total	$1,739.73
Total for Week	$1,739.73

Are There Men Like These In Your Church?

+ the man who puts God's business **before** his business
+ the man who **brings** his children to church rather than sends them
+ the man who is willing to be the **right** example for every boy he meets
+ the man who thinks more of his **church school class** than he does of his Sunday sleep
+ the man who goes to church for **Christ's** sake rather than for himself or someone else
+ the man who has a passion **to help** rather than to be helped
+ the man who can see his **own** faults before he sees the faults of others
+ the man who is more concerned about winning souls for **Christ** than he is about winning worldly honor

—From the **Apple's Chapel Bulletin**

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Summer Blessings

Dear Friends:

It hardly seems possible that the summer has gone and September is here. The children have now been in school for several weeks. It still seems strange not to have them coming by the office every little bit during the day. This is quite a different place during the summer months when our boys and girls are around as compared to the days when they are in school.

As we look back over the summer months, we see much for which we can be grateful. We are grateful first of all to the many friends who had our children visit with them. Most of our boys and girls visited in the North Carolina/Virginia area. However, we had some to go as far south as Florida and some to visit in Massachusetts. We are grateful to all of these people near and far who helped us in seeing that our children had a pleasant summer.

We can also be thankful for the bountiful crops we had this year. In some areas of our gardening, we weren't as successful as last year. This was due partly to the heavy rains we had in late June and early July. This was partly true with our tomato crop. We had planted most of our crop in a low-lying area and, consequently, many of them rotted and we didn't have a sufficient crop.

Thus, we were so very grateful to the Rev. John Wilder, new minister of our Mt. Zion Church near Mebane, who so generously with the help of his people got us all of the tomatoes we needed for canning purposes. Help with items like this can mean a great deal to us.

We were also unsuccessful this summer in raising watermelons. A good friend of the home, Mr. Henry Higgins who operates an open air market in Burlington, gave us a large quantity of melons which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Of course, in the fruit line, we do not have any trees on our campus such as peaches or apples. This summer, Mr. T. C. Auman of West End, North Carolina, gave us 97 bushels of peaches. We took several of our boys and made 2 trips to the Peach Orchard and picked the peaches. Our girls, along with the housemothers, then prepared them for freezing and canning. Very soon now, we will be going to Hendersonville for another load of apples. This is the third year that the Hendersonville Church has helped us in getting a sufficient amount of apples for our use.

Thus, you see as we look back over the summer months, we have much for which to be thankful, both in what we have been able to accumulate for the winter and also for the help that has been given to our children so that they can be in a good frame of mind for the coming school year.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder

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New York.—When the new Bible House is completed in 1966, at 61st Street and Broadway, among its distinguished neighbors within a one-block radius will be Philharmonic Hall, Metropolitan Opera House, New York State Theatre, Julliard School of Music and The Coliseum.

Eastern Virginia Women's Fellowship

FINANCIAL REPORT

Quarter Ending August 31, 1965

CHURCH	APPOR.	LIFE M & M
Antioch	15.00	10.00
Berea Nansemond	25.00	
Bethlehem Nansemond	105.00	
Bethlehem Disputanta	5.00	
Bayside	25.00	10.00
Bayview		30.00
Christian Temple	125.00	
Cypress Chapel	55.00	
Damascus		10.00
Dendron	15.00	10.00
Eure	16.75	10.00
Franklin	125.00	20.00
First Portsmouth		10.00
Great Bridge	50.00	
Holland	90.00	
Holy Neck	50.00	10.00
Hopewell	12.50	
Hunterdale	67.50	50.00
Isle of Wight	5.00	10.00
Liberty Spring	64.13	10.00
Lynnhaven Colony	25.00	
Little Creek	20.00	
Mount Carmel	18.00	
Mount Zion	10.00	
Newport News	75.00	20.00
Oak Grove	9.60	10.00
Oakland	40.00	20.00
Pembroke Manor	10.00	
Prince George	10.00	10.00
Richmond First	18.75	
Rosemont	180.00	60.00
Shelton Memorial		10.00
South Norfolk	75.00	
Suffolk	250.00	30.00
United-Portsmouth	35.00	20.00
Wakefield	44.50	
Warwick	20.00	
Waverly	15.00	
Windsor	40.00	
TOTAL	1,746.73	370.00

JUNIORS	
Bethlehem (N)	25.00
Cypress Chapel	21.00
Eure	1.35
Franklin	4.00
Holy Neck	7.00
Liberty Spring	6.85
Waverly	5.00
Windsor	10.00
	80.20

CRADLE ROLL	
Bethlehem (N)	75.00
Cypress Chapel	13.25
Eure	1.35
Holy Neck	20.00
Mt. Carmel	1.50
Oakland	9.01
Waverly	1.83
Windsor	5.00
	126.94

PRIMARY	
Franklin	4.00
	4.00

KINDERGARTEN	
Franklin	2.00
	2.00

RECEIPTS

Balance Brought Forward		$ 149.26
Apportionment	$1,746.73	
Life Mem. and Mem.	370.00	
Junior Apportionment	80.20	
Cradle Roll Offering	126.94	
Primary	4.00	
Kindergarten	2.00	
		2,329.87
TOTAL		$2,479.13

DISBURSEMENTS

Southern Convention (Minutes for '64 Annual)	$ 75.00
Donald Cattee (Supplies)	11.40
Sara Ellis (Expense Rally and Workshop)	6.51
Treasurer 1st Church Newport News (Memorial, Mr. W. B. Williams)	25.00
Postmaster Suffolk, Va. (Stamped Envelopes)	6.00
Mrs. W. B. Williams, Convention Treasurer	2,329.87
TOTAL	$2,453.78

Total Receipts	$2,479.13
Total Disbursements	2,453.78
Balance in Bank	$ 25.35

September 8, 1965

Family Planning In Turkey

"Now I know what life for one missionary is like . . . frustrations . . . tensions . . . rewards."

Now I know what life for one missionary is like. The frustrations caused by lack of financial support from the churches at home so that some program, which would be effective, can not be carried out because there is not enough money to cover costs, come to many of us. The tensions, caused by lack of personnel so that there are too many jobs to be done by too few people, and thus nerves are worn thin and personalities grind down, chiseling not a finer character, but a tenser one, are too frequent. On the other hand there are the rewards and fulfillments in what can be a lonely life — a patient becoming well, a student showing new insights to his life or to the needs of his country, or even a bouquet of wild roses from a village boy in appreciation for our working in a baby clinic.

The outstanding feature of our home abroad has been the fascinating work. Even on the gloomiest of days, the realizations that a good doctor is needed by the nearby villagers, that more village children have books to read, and that some women are learning a bit more about child care cheered us. Wink's patients have been a colorful lot, many with unusual complaints for common disease but more with relatively serious and at times, rare illnesses.

One exciting and new aspect of the work at the clinic is the program of family planning made possible by the recent passage of a Turkish law permitting and even encouraging birth control. We have seen among our friends in the villages the great desire for help in this area, coupled with the attitude of hopelessness. "God gives the children. What can I do?" With the advent of IUD (Intrauterine device), a simple, reliable and inexpensive method, there is a great deal that can be done. We've been using the IUD at the clinic for six months and have been encouraged by the results.

From: **Dr. Warren Winkler,** Turkey

St. Mark's, Burlington Youth Programs

Of interest to other youth groups as they plan their programs ahead are the programs that the young people and adults at **St. Mark's United Church of Christ near Burlington** have worked out.

From now through March **the senior high fellowship** will be working with such concerns as: Must Everyone Go To College?; Men Against Nature; Where Does It Get You?; The Messiah; Why Can't We Talk About Sex?; The Dope On Dope; Why Was Kennedy Shot?; The Death Penalty — Right Or Wrong?; and The Peculiar Ones (a play).

During this same time, **the junior highs** are considering: Who Is The Holy Spirit?; The "Ins" and the "Outs"; Poverty In The U.S.A.; A Look At Jehovah's Witnesses; Christians Live In Families; and Am I Responsible For What I Do?

In addition to these programs, there will be a Parent-Youth Night in November and a Christmas Banquet early in December. Planning is in the hands of a Youth Cabinet. Along with advance work on programs, recreation and social responsibilities are designated six months ahead for each meeting.

Senior High

Pilgrim Fellowship Rally

Eastern Virginia

October 3

3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Suffolk Christian Church

Program
Singing
Reports
Worship
Food
Awards

Dress
Country Style:
Straw Hats
Blue Jeans
Work Shirts

Hootenanny

New York.—Eye-catching flagpoles in the plaza of the new Bible House will fly the American flag, the flag of one of the nations in the United Bible Societies and flag of the nation receiving the most recent translation of the Scriptures—probably the most varied international flag display outside the United Nations.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

Greetings From The Action Commission Chairman

Hi! My name is Pat Holland and I am your new Southern Convention Action Chairman.

I'm sixteen years old, and attend Christian Temple in Norfolk, Virginia.

In my home church I have served as Secretary of all three fellowships, served as Action and Faith Commission Chairman of the Sr.-Hi. P.F.

On the conference level, I have served as Member-at-Large and Vice President of the Eastern Virginia Conference. I am presently serving as Action Chairman. In the summer of 1964 I represented my conference at the UCYM Conference at Masenetta Springs near Harrisonburg, Virginia.

At my school, Granby, I am a Senior. This means lots of study and hard work, but I still manage to find time for activities. I was a cheerleader for two years and served as captain in my last. Also, I am a member of the Harrell Tri-Hi-Y, Pep Club, and Talbot Y-Teens. I have served in the school's House of Representatives.

I love Moonelon. For the past six summers I have either been a camper or served on the Efficiency Staff at Moonelon. This past summer I participated in the Youth Travel Seminar.

I am looking forward to working with all of you and hope I will get your cooperation.

YOUTH MAGAZINE SPECIAL ISSUES

During the next few months several special issues of **YOUTH** magazine will deal with particular topics of interest to young people. **YOUTH** is our denominational publication for teenagers which comes out twice a month.

The October 24 issue will have as its theme "Judaism." The features to be included in this issue are **Israel Today; What's Happening In Modern Judaism?; How Does Prejudice Get That Way?; The Holy Days of Judaism;** plus others.

This issue will be useful for discussion in youth fellowships and for general reading by young people. It may be ordered for 20 cents per copy from YOUTH, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19102. Quantity rates are available.

Subsequent issues of **YOUTH** will be concerned with such topics as **Morality; The Military Life and Youth;** and **Archaeology.** Subscriptions for this bi-weekly cost $3.00/year or $2.40/year for orders of more than five to one address.

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA P.F. RALLY

On October 17, at Clayton, the young people of the Eastern North Carolina churches will be having their fall rally. Plans for this rally are being made by several of the Southern Convention PF officers who will be present. Further information will be forthcoming but save the date now.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

On Finding Worms

There are very few people, if any, who do not have pre-judgments as a part of their outlook. We form judgments about a group of people or things on the basis of limited experience.

A man picks an apple from a tree. It is wormy. He picks another. It, too, is wormy. He picks no more and, when asked about the apples on that tree, states as a fact that the tree has only wormy apples. In reality, most of the other apples may have been wormless.

Pre-judgment, or prejudice, maintains itself by creating a kind of defensive opposition-disqualification which operates almost automatically. This defense is in itself a prejudgment of those whose ideas clash with our own. Our prejudice against a particular idea is protected by our prejudice against ideas which disagree with our prejudices.

If a man were to come along to speak with our apple-picking friend, and if this other man explained that when more apples were picked from that same tree they had been found to be wormless and delicious, the wormfinder (defending his prejudice) might seek to discredit the new evidence or the person bringing it. Or he might ignore him and continue in his prejudice. Or, again, he might unreasonably argue his prejudice on the basis of two apples with worms. "I've made up my mind ... don't confuse me with facts!" is the unspoken but strongly implied attitude coming from more than one who has prejudged.

Pride, too, has a way of encouraging us to doggedly insist on our prejudgments even in the face of reason and demonstrable fact. To admit being wrong in a pre-judgment is to admit being ignorant enough in the first place to have pre-judged with limited or distorted impressions. And who relishes such a confession?

Add to this the whole matter of self-esteem and value as a person. Prejudgment becomes a guarantee of superiority both in the fact we are able to make judgments and in the fact that our judgments add to our self-esteem and inherent superiority over someone else.

If we find the apples of others to be all wormy (judging from our limited evidence), our apples are better (though one or two have worms). We are good judges of apples, therefore, and more qualified in something than others. We are better.

Some there are who are afraid that someday they might not find worms in others' apples. If they can implant their prejudices firmly enough, the absence of worms won't really make any difference. The prejudice will have become unqualifiedly identified with the particular apple tree and no amount of reason or facts will prevail against the pre-judgment.

There is one small difficulty with this system. Others will also pick apples from the tree. They will discover that they are not all wormy.

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THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE OFFICERS —— Shown here are officers for the new Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ elected at Elon College. From left to right are Walter Cooper of Burlington, treasurer; the Rev. G. Melvin Palmer of Greensboro, president; the Rev. Judson King of Bricks, vice-president; and John Xanthos of Burlington, secretary. (Times-News Photo by Ed McCauley.)

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in everything ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; . . . God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

/KJ

I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him with all speech and all knowledge — even as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift . . . God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

/RSV

I am always thanking God for you. I thank him for his grace given to you in Christ Jesus. I thank him for all the enrichment that has come to you in Christ. You possess full knowledge and you can give full expression to it, because in you the evidence for the truth of Christ has found confirmation. There is indeed no single gift you lack . . . It is God himself who called you to share in the life of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and God keeps faith.

/New English

We have been called, along with the Corinthians to whom Paul writes these words, to share in the life of Jesus Christ. In fellowship. We have received the grace offered by the Christ of God. It remains to bear witness to this grace in increasingly effective ways here in the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ and in the totality of our mission. We do have full knowledge and we can give full expression to it as we reflect the self-revelation of God in Christ. It is the knowledge of how to serve according to the needs facing us. And, indeed, it shall be through us that the truth of our Lord must be made evident, for where we are, in our time, no one else can serve in our place. God has called **us.** Unless we do what we see must be done, there is a real chance it will go undone.

The organizational tool is in order. The responsibilities for operating the tool have been relegated to capable, dedicated individuals. The task before us that we must face with a genuine sense of purpose is the task of keeping the tool working by supporting our leaders and the witness we seek to make. As God keeps faith with us, so also we shall keep faith with Him.

To Begin Work January 1, 1966

THE STAFF-ELECT OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

The Rev. Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

The Conference Minister will be the Rev. Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., currently serving as the Superintendent of the Southeastern Conference of the United Church of Christ with his offices in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Rev. James W. Morrison

The Conference Field Associate will be the Rev. James W. Morrison, presently serving as the pastor for The Children's Chapel United Church of Christ in Graham, North Carolina.

The Rev. Richard N. Rinker

The Minister of Christian Education will be the Rev. Richard N. Rinker, presently the North Carolina Field Secretary for the former Southern Convention with his office at Elon College.

The Rev. Edwin Alcorn

The Western North Carolina Area Administrator will be the Rev. Edwin Alcorn, currently serving as pastor for the Trinity United Church of Christ in Conover, North Carolina.

The Rev. Clyde L. Fields

The Eastern North Carolina Area Administrator will be the Rev. Dr. Clyde L. Fields, now serving as Superintendent for the former Southern Convention with his office at Elon College.

The Rev. L. Bill Simmons

The Eastern Virginia Area Administrator will be the Rev. L. Bill Simmons, now serving as Virginia Field Secretary for the former Southern Convention with his office at Chesapeake, Virginia.

The First Annual Session

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

According to the report made by the Registrar for the first annual meeting of The Southern Conference, the Rev. Josh Levens, 198 ordained ministers, 248 lay delegates, and 110 registered visitors attended the September 30 sessions held in Whitley Memorial Auditorium, Elon College.

This total of 556 registered does not include visitors who did not sign up at the registration tables. A reasonable total would probably be close to 600 in attendance.

The Christian Sun

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Rev. Walstein W. Snyder, *Elon Home Editor*
Rev. William T. Scott, Sr., *Elon College Editor*

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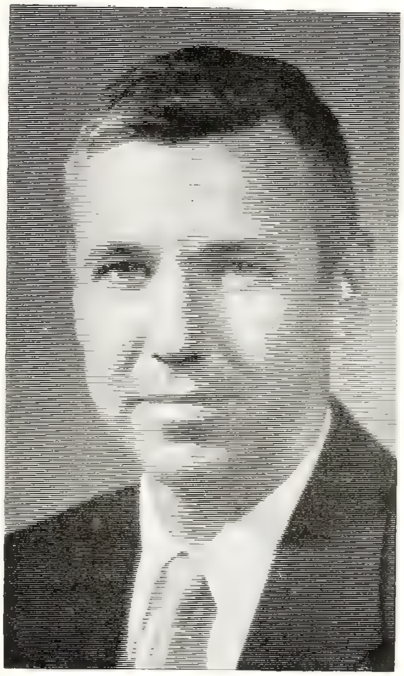

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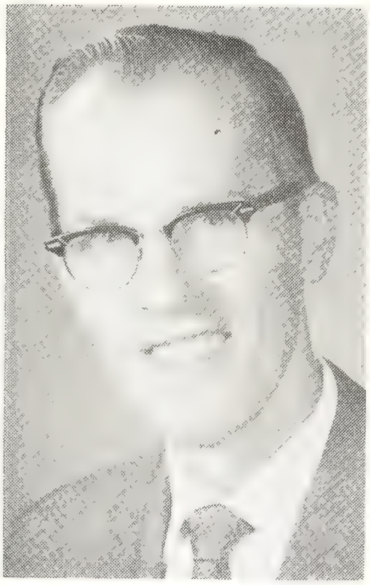

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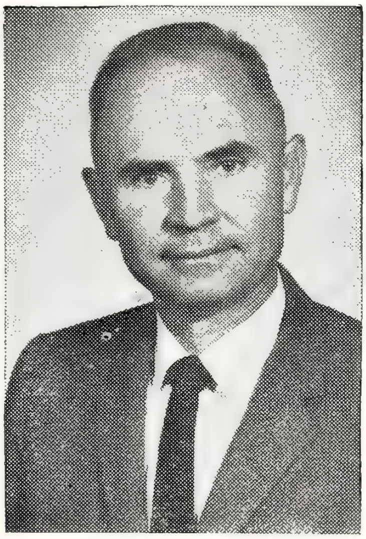

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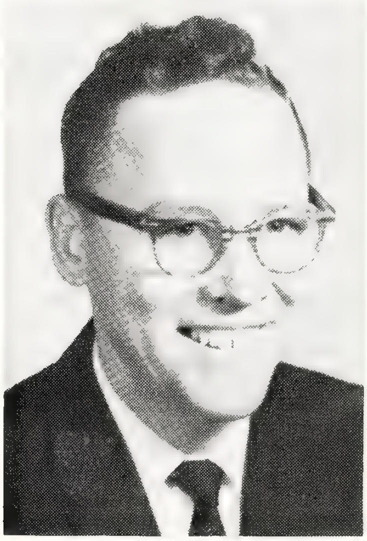


REV. L. BILL SIMMONS
SOUTHERN VIRGINIA
AREA MINISTER

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Coupons Really Help!

Dear Friends:

We are most grateful for all the help that we receive from individuals, churches and civic groups, as well as business and industry. Many times those who assist us with coupons and trading stamps think they are doing very little when really they are giving us some real substantial help.

For instance, this past year by reaching our goal of 100,000 Red Scissors Coupons, we received a total of $409.65. Again this year our coupon year is from August 1 to July 31. Our goal is 100,000 coupons. No one organization can help us to do this. It takes hundreds of them across North Carolina, Virginia, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

This is also true with our Betty Crocker and Pillsbury coupons. With these we have been able to get many useful items this past summer. From time to time, kitchen utensils as well as dinnerware have to be replaced. Especially is this true with the plastic dinnerware we use. The State Health Department requires these dishes to be sterilized in such high water temperature that the plastic deteriorates and it has to be replaced from time to time. Not only do we get useful dinnerware and kitchen utensils, but a number of other items which are helpful to the housemothers in their work. Such items are electric irons and game tables.

Another item that we always have need of is luggage. In the past year, we have gotten right many trading stamps of various kinds. These we have been able to redeem for luggage. Even those coming from the states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut have been redeemable for luggage which has been of much help to us. We want to encourage everyone who has been saving coupons and stamps for us to continue to do so. We hope those who have not had this as a project of their group will give it consideration. Coupons and trading stamps are of substantial help to us.

Please keep them coming!

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 299.67
Eastern North Carolina Conference	48.00
Western North Carolina Conference	10.00
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	260.07
Total	$ 617.76
Special Offerings	
Zion Christian Church, Sanford, N. C.	112.50
Memorial Gifts	
In Memory of Mrs. Tatum	
Total Memorial Gifts	5.00
Special Offerings	133.25
Total for the Week	$ 868.51

Religious News Broadcast

An experimental religious television newscast started by the North Carolina Council of Churches is to be seen each week over at least three stations. Stations in other areas are expected to participate later. The program, "News of the Church," is being produced for the Council by WTVD, Durham, North Carolina.

The 15-minute program surveys religious news of the preceding week on state, national, and international levels. Undergoing a trial run now, the program will be evaluated by the stations and Council at the end of the year to determine whether or not to put it on a permanent basis.

The three station network is as follows:

Station	Air Time
WTVD, Channel 11, Durham	7:15 a.m. Sundays
WBTV, Channel 3, Charlotte	6:45 a.m. Saturdays
WFMY-TV, Channel 2, Greensboro	2:00 p.m. Saturdays

Television officials feel "News of the Church" fills a gap in Tar Heel television programming and provides news coverage not otherwise available.

Ted L. Daniel, Director of Radio-TV for the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina, is newscaster on the program.

Personnel Problems In India

"The most serious obstacle . . . is the problem of finding and attracting qualified staff."

For us it has been a challenging season of opportunities that demand to be taken advantage of. Patients come flocking to the hospital and the roadside clinics in greater numbers than ever. The jeep is running well, and we have been fairly lucky with passable roads despite the extra rains. For improving the quality of the leprosy work to control the disease in the villages, we now have four para-medical workers, two of them trained. They tour their assigned villages constantly by cycle, contacting lapsed patients, examining the relatives of patients and whole populations, village by village, to pick up new cases and get them under treatment. They also carry on constant propaganda and educational work for leprosy and public health in general. Their job is the hardest of all in the hospital, and the fruit of their labors, if they do their work right, will be the most rewarding.

In planning for the future of the medical work here, we have decided that our immediate goal should be to get the hospital running so that it can carry on without us, not only releasing us for our furlough which is due in two years, but also freeing us to start new medical work in some new needy area. The most serious obstacle to making the hospital run on its own is the problem of finding and attracting qualified staff. We would need another doctor to replace me in my medical work, a driver for the jeep, and a reliable accountant and business manager to take the load of administration off the doctors.

From: **Dr. Edward Riggs, India**

Word From Talladega

Negro and other small colleges are facing "almost new demands in education," Dr. Herman H. Long, president of Talladega College, told faculty and staff members during their planning meeting for the institution's 99th year.

The demands are pressing and monstrous, he said, adding "It becomes a matter of expanding the areas of our knowledge" as quickly as possible.

Dr. Long called for "innovations, experimentation, new projects and programs, and new approaches" as suggestive of the quickest and best solutions. He asked his own faculty to start immediately new programs and projects as possible answers, suggesting that these experiments be so planned that they might be shared jointly with other colleges also seeking answers.

Nationally, he said, there is "great concern with the intellectual performance of our small colleges." There is also major concern over faculty and staff morale in these institutions, he said. A third concern is over instructional skills in such fields as physics, mathematics, English, etc.

Dr. Long said that programs and projects designed to find answers to the "new demands," very likely, can get financing needs from federal and foundation sources.

Talladega, founded in 1867, began its 1965-66 year with more than 150 freshmen, about 45 percent of whom are men, and 17 additions to its faculty and staff. Dr. Long announced that a new administrative building under construction is expected to be occupied about November 1, and that the college's 17-unit Computer Data processing system will be installed in the new building. Foy Cottage, on the campus, has been remodeled into ten efficiency apartments for faculty and staff members, the athletic field has been rehabilitated and various and sundry other improvements about the campus have been made over the summer.

Believers Outnumber Churchgoers In Poll

Fifty-four per cent of adult Americans claim they attend church services at least once a week, although ninety-seven per cent profess a belief in God and seventy-two per cent in life after death, according to a Louis Harris poll of a cross-section of the population.

Yet in spite of these evidences of religious interest, nearly a third of American adults, according to the poll, feel they are less religious than their parents and even less than their children will be.

Women of all faiths attend church more regularly than men. Sixty-two per cent of the women and only forty-six per cent of the men claimed to go weekly. Lowest records of church attendance were found among Easterners and residents of large cities and suburbs. Attendance is higher in the South and Midwest, particularly small towns and rural areas.

THE U.C.C. AND BETSY

The United Church of Christ is at work in giving aid through our churches in the Louisiana area where Hurricane Betsy created a path of disaster. The Division of World Service made available the last penny of their reserve for **Unforeseen Emergency Needs.** These are funds our churches gave through the 1965 One Great Hour of Sharing.

Medical Missions In India Serve War Victims

Cables received this week from Ludhiana **Christian Medical College and Hospital** confirmed that the State of Punjab has requisitioned it to care for the wounded in the area. The huge modern hospital is close to the fighting around the town of Ludhiana and the Halwara airport, which has been bombed many times.

The India-Pakistan Committee of the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches also reported that **the Christian hospital in Lahore** has been requested by the Pakistan authorities to serve as a casualty center. The West Pakistan Christian Council, it said, had appealed for food, clothing and funds. Church World Service cabled an initial $4,500 to its representative in Karachi, David Bower. He reported that some missionaries' wives and children were among the 608 Americans who were evacuated to Teheran last week but that all other missionary personnel were staying at their posts in West Pakistan.

Two Methodist hospitals in Uttar Pradesh in northern India, Clara Swain and Creighton-Freeman, also reported they are treating the wounded.

A cable from CWS representative Korula Jacob on September 15 said that some 60 U.S. missionaries are remaining in the Punjab and that other U.S. citizens, flown out of the danger zone, planned to say in New Delhi.

The NCC committee last week delegated J. Henry Long of the Board of Missions of the Church of the Brethren to report back as soon as possible on the crisis in India as it pertains to the churches and missions work. Mr. Long left New York for Bombay September 14.

Dr. Kenneth Scott, United Presbyterian medical missionary and director of the Ludhiana hospital and medical school, said that all 700 staff, including medical students, student nurses and lab technicians, are treating the wounded. Three hundred beds have been added to the hospital's 500, said his cable, which ended, "Psalm 68:19." ("Blessed be the Lord who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.")

At press time, a spokesman for the committee said it had not been able to confirm a radio report that Josephine White, a United Presbyterian nurse, had been killed in Sargoda, which is known to have been under fire. The State Department, he said, was investigating the report.

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace do proceed; kindle, we pray Thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with Thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility Thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Thy love.

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength known but the strength of love; so guide and inspire, we pray Thee, the work of all who seek Thy kingdom at home and abroad, that all peoples may seek and find their security, not in force of arms, but in the perfect love that casteth out fear, and in fellowship revealed to us by Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —From **The Book of Common Order**

Observations

The First Meeting Of The Southern Conference

The Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ became a legal entity at 9:00 a. m. last Thursday, when North Carolina Secretary of State Thad Eure stamped the merger documents in Raleigh. An hour later the Conference began its first official meeting.

At this historical session, **a total of 205 ministers and delegates from former Southern Convention churches participated.** The breakdown by acting associations is as follows:

	Ministers	Delegates
Eastern Virginia	31	34
N. Carolina & Va.	37	38
Eastern N. Carolina	15	22
Western N. Carolina	14	14

More than 100 former Southern Convention churches were represented by minister and/or delegate.

The spirit of fellowship which existed was symbolized in the fact that all business was completed one half hour before the scheduled closing. In mutually-shared responsibilities, the delegates and leaders smoothly cared for the matters of concern in structuring and implementing the planning for the beginning of the Southern Conference.

This balmy day, **on the beautiful campus of Elon College,** was a good experience. It marks the start of associations between men and women of differing ecclesiastical patterns and racial backgrounds. Through this kind of experience, greater understanding and appreciation will grow.

The efficiency with which the meeting was chaired by the President of the Southern Conference, **the Reverend G. Melvin Palmer of Greensboro,** was one indication of the purposeful attitudes with which delegates came. The reports of Conference Coordinators, Committees, and the leaders whose work had prepared the way for this historical gathering contributed concisely and pertinently to the considerations before the group.

The guiding hands of **Dr. Banks Peeler, the Rev. J. Taylor Stanley, and Dr. Clyde Fields** had done the groundwork, along with active committees. Tribute was paid to these three men for their self-giving leadership and wisdom in the days preceding September 30, 1965.

Adding to the impressions of this meeting which will remain in the memories of many who attended was the warm hospitality of the Elon College staff members who were responsible for the facility-usage and the preparation of an exceptionally scrumptious meal which was set on tables on the lawn of the campus.

The mandates have been given. The directives and organizational structure have been decided upon. It is now our task to get on with the work of our Lord.

For The Southern Conference

The 1966 Budget

For Use Within The Conference — $228,859.00

Acting Associations	$19,040.00
Church Extension	17,400.00
Committees & Program	8,840.00
Publications	
The Christian Standard	12,356.00
Conference Minutes	2,500.00
Camps and Conferences	4,850.00
Personnel	78,225.00
Housing	8,280.00
Administration	13,868.00
Institutions	63,000.00
Councils of Churches	500.00

For Use With National Instrumentalities — $181,366.00

Executive Council	$ 8,342	(4.6%)
World Ministries	68,375	(37.7%)
Homeland Ministries	55,135	(30.4%)
Christian Social Action	3,446	(1.9%)
Lay Life & Work	3,808	(2.1%)
Church & Ministry	3,627	(2.0%)
Stewardship Council	13,965	(7.7%)
Office of Communication	3,085	(1.7%)
Pension Boards	17,775	(9.8%)
Contingencies	3,808	(2.1%)

The 1966 Goal For Our Christian World Mission — $410,225

Leaders Reconfirmed

Conference Coordinators

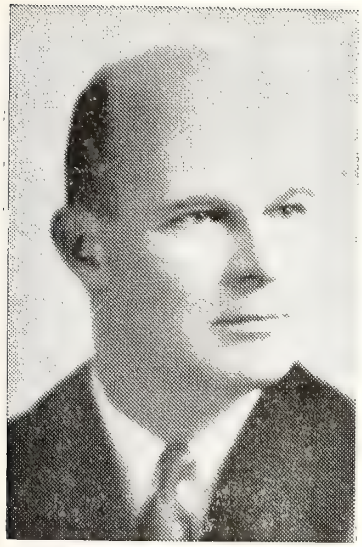
Responsibility for coordinating the work of the Southern Conference in the several major areas of concern was reaffirmed for the thirteen individuals selected last year before the formal incorporation of the Conference. They are: **Rev. G. Harold Myers,** Church Extension; **Dr. W. J. Andes,** Church and Ministry; **Dr. A. Odell Leonard,** Evangelism; **Dr. William T. Scott, Sr.,** Historical; **Dr. J. Earl Danieley,** Higher Education; **Rev. Lawrence A. Leonard,** Health and Welfare; **Rev. George A. Fidler,** Social Action; **Mr. W. H. Baker,** Stewardship and O.C.W.M.; **Rev. F. A. Hargett,** Worship; **Rev. Carl E. Wallace,** World Ministries; **Mrs. W. D. Gay,** Lay Life and Work; **Mr. William Greenland,** Budget and Finance; **Rev. Richard N. Rinker,** Christian Education.

The Southern Conference Officers

The officers elected prior to incorporation last year were confirmed as the officers of the Southern Conference for the coming year: **The Rev. G. Melvin Palmer,** Greensboro (President); **the Rev. W. Judson King,** Bricks (Vice President); **Mr. John D. Xanthos,** Burlington (Secretary); and **Mr. Walter L. Cooper,** Burlington (Treasurer).

Guest Speaker Addresses Conference

Who Owns The Church?



DR. TRUMAN B. DOUGLASS

The special guest speaker for the first annual meeting of the Southern Conference was the Reverend Dr. Truman B. Douglass, Executive Vice President for the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries with offices at New York City.

In speaking on **Who Owns The Church?**, Dr. Douglass suggested two familiar ways in which the ownership of the church is considered: as belonging to the clergy or as belonging to the members. Both are subservient to the ownership of the church by God.

"The church is the only human institution which exists primarily for the sake of those who are not in it." Because this is so, and because Christ and God are the legitimate owners, three things must be given very serious consideration by every church member:

1. **We receive people on Christ's terms, not on our own.** He turned no one away. Regardless of situation or caste, he accepted them.
2. **We awaken to carry out the principle function of the church — its mission to others.** Most churches are organized as "come" structures rather than "go" structures. Churches borrow money for all sorts of things: buildings, facilities, special deficits . . . how many ever borrow for mission?
3. **A new relationship will exist between clergy and members.** The minister will be the leader of others in a missionary community and these others will have responsibilities similar to his where they are in the world. His task is to provide biblical and theological help directing them toward the discovery of their responsibilities as witnesses.

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Prayer For New Vision Offered At Conference

By Rev. J. Taylor Stanley

O Thou, Eternal God, our Father, grant unto us now thy grace and Blessing as we assemble here to offer unto thee our common supplications. Even though we are unworthy to approach thee, or to ask anything of thee for ourselves, we come with trembling and with fear. Give us the humility to confess our sins. Give us a growing awareness of thy loving concern for the wayward and the fallen, of thy endless compassion for all thy prodigal children who return to thee. Have mercy upon us, O God, and love us again for Jesus' sake.

Grant unto us new insights into thy way of life, new understanding of thy will for our lives. Give us the courage to obey thy will. This day we make history for our selves, for thy church, for our Faith in the Lordship of Christ, in the Fatherhood of God, and in the brotherhood of all mankind. In the presence of whatever doubts and uncertainties may be ours, grant unto us the grace to ask what thou wouldst have us do. Grant that the spirit of wisdom may save us from self-centeredness, from any sense of self-importance, and from false choices that will hinder our growth toward Christian maturity. Grant that thy light may illumine for us a straight pathway that leads to life eternal. Grant that we may not stumble along that Way; but sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust in thee, may we never turn back from following the way of our Lord.

God, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us; and give us the grace and the courage at all times to acknowledge thee to be the Lord: through Jesus Christ, the Savior of all mankind. AMEN.

Stewardship Education Resources

Acting On Mission

A Guide to Work and Witness in the Local Church

One of the tools suggested for use during the visitations to local churches is called **ACTING ON MISSION.** This 48-page booklet is for use by local churches as they do three things:

1. Involve the entire membership in a study of the nature and mission of the church
2. Evaluate the present structures and program patterns of the local church
3. Reform these structures and renew these patterns in response to God's clear call to mission

Copies of this resource sell for fifty cents when purchased from the Stewardship Council, but a limited number are left over from the Breakthrough visitations and will be sent to ministers requesting copies. One copy per church. Additional copies may be ordered from 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19102. The order number is SC-P-0365b. Send requests for free copies to Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

Filmstrip & Record

The new filmstrip **BREAKTHROUGH TO PEOPLE,** which was used in most of the visitations to local churches during the week of September 12-19, is available in sufficient quantity so that each church wishing a copy may have one free except for postage. Visitors left copies at churches they visited except for the Sunday and Tuesday visits (at which time the films had not arrived). These churches will automatically get a copy of the film, recording and script.

Since 4/5 of the world's population are people of color, this filmstrip depicts our mission to caucasians, negroes, orientals, Indians, and American Indians around the world including here in our nation. Africa, Japan, India, urban America, rural America . . . all are a part of this mission to which we are called.

Churches wishing a copy of this resource (film, recording and guide) may write to the Audio-Visual Library, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

Breakthrough Now Flyers

The brochure for mass distribution to local churches working on their budgets and Breakthrough emphasis, BREAKTHROUGH NOW, are available free from the Stewardship Council, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19102.

There are limited quantities of this brochure at the Southern Convention office for anyone needing them. They are free and may be picked up during office hours each week day from 9:00-12:30 or 1:30-5:00, and on Saturday mornings.

These brochures outline pictorially and verbally the needs of our mission program around the world.

Target Ahead Brochures

Limited quantities of the basic Breakthrough booklet (black with purple and white lettering) are available for local churches which have shared in the visitations and need more than the fifteen left by the visitors. This resource outlines Target Ahead possibilities, the organizational structure of the United Church, budget statistics and study helps. They may be picked up at the Southern Convention office for use in local church meetings.

REFUGEES INCREASE

Concern For India-Pakistan Missionaries

Concern for the safety of the more than 300 American missionaries serving in northern India and Pakistan was expressed in emergency meetings called by the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches last week. Secretaries of the 20 Protestant mission boards served by the Division agreed that most missionaries and fraternal workers would elect to remain at their posts unless forced to evacuate critical areas.

The outbreak of hostilities between the two countries sparked a series of meetings between staffs of DOM, its Department of Church World Service, and the board secretaries. Cables were dispatched to New Delhi and Karachi expressing their concern and advising missions in danger zones to prepare to evacuate their women and children should it become necessary.

Replies received in New York last week said there were no American casualties to date but that some 60,000 people had swelled the ranks of refugees in the first four days of fighting. Christian hospitals in the area, they said, were preparing to care for casualties. These would include the modern hospitals and medical schools of Ludhiana and Lahore.

"The churches here are assuming there will be heavy human suffering," the Rev. Addison J. Eastman reported to the secretaries. As missions director of the Asia department of the DOM, he was named by its India-Pakistan Committee to serve as liaison officer between Washington and the National Council. He noted that the fighting is going on in an area where there is the largest concentration of Christian missions, hospitals, schools and colleges in all Asia.

Missions boards were reported to be building up emergency funds to help these institutions carry on in case communications are disrupted. Church World Service spokesmen reported that some stockpiles of relief supplies are on hand in each country and that additional shipments will be made.

PERSPECTIVE

The Christian perspective on life is one of love, concern and boundless compassion. Or so it ought to be. But perspective is a strange thing. Particularly when it has to do with a distortable area of life such as an ideology. Currently there are various perspectives in evidence, each one presuming (as this one will) to interpret "facts" best in keeping with the slant of the interpreter.

For example, reading the minds of the world's communists is a vocation demanding a narrow point of view. Articles and bits of articles out of context, guilt by association, distorted Christianisms, piety, sentimentality, oversimplification . . . all are used as tools in this vocation.

There is no question that the menace of international communism poses a real threat to the world's stability. The means of the leaders of international communism, leading toward the establishment of a completely communistic world society, are interesting to examine.

One way, frequently used by communism to further its ends, is that of instilling a lack of confidence in national political leaders within the society in general. This is the stuff of which revolutions are made, after all. Most generations have had some dissatisfaction expressed by militant groups regardless of who led the country. The emphasis being given to mistrust of leadership in our time by such organizations as the American Nazi Party, the Ku Klux Klan, and the John Birch Society must be bringing smiles of contentment to the leadership of communism around the world.

Another means toward communist domination is the fragmentation of and lack of support for the established religious forms of a nation. This involves the disparagement of leadership and insinuations about the motives behind the developments in the witness being made by cooperating religious groups. Under the banner of enlightened anti-communism, doubt and mistrust toward the church are being sown by sincere, though misguided, zealots. When ministers become associated with any of the nation's revolutionary changes to which the church ought to be relating its witness, the ministers become suspect. If they disagree with the methods of ideas of the hate-groups, ministers are immediately and conveniently branded as communist-sympathizers or perverters of the gospel. From the point of view of the disciples of distrust, the church's concern for the changing forms and structures of society as these changes open new doors for a relevant witness to Jesus Christ is beyond their comprehension, enmeshed as they have become in their pietistic and compartmentalized religions.

A third means toward world communism is the replacement of love and trust by hate and suspicion. The fear-peddlers of our time must be heartwarming manifestations of unhappiness for communists the world over who eagerly watch the spread of hate and perverted Christianity. From such groups as the Black Muslims and the American Nazis one would expect such behaviour. From groups professing origins from within the Christian tradition, this is blasphemous, for by no stretch of a healthy imagination can one find bases for hate, bigotry and self-centeredness in the gospel of our Lord.

The most effective deterrent against communism is the affirmation in word and positive action of the love of God which was in Christ Jesus reconciling, not alienating, the world to the Father. The negative perspectives of unchristian forces do far more for communism's goals than they do for our nation or our faith. It is, perhaps, superfluous to note the strong resemblance the methods of the leading protagonists of hate and fear bear to the methods of international communism as we have seen it in operation in our world.

Reconciliation From The Inside Out

By William T. Joyner

We would like to reconcile the world,
but reconciliation begins
from the inside out.
It begins on the inside
where the primitive
and the domestic
coexist.

We are double-sided creations —
"made in the image of God"
and also
"fallen from Grace" —
And we contain in ourselves
the essential conflict
of a world divided.
At war with ourselves,
we wonder
why we cannot prevent war
with others.

Behold the fury
of the man from Tarsus:
persecutor of Christians
(and persecutor of Saul!)
Filled with righteous anger,
he is traveling toward Damascus
for an unexpected rendezvous
with himself.
Later, he will write about
the God who reconciles,
But then he will know
what sort of man he is
— a man who knows good
but chooses otherwise.
Then he will know
that reconciliation begins
from the inside out.

Behold the fury
of the frightened censors,
persecutors of the forbidden,
rejecting something of themselves
along with the books and ideas
they toss aside.
Behold the fury
of death-denying mortals
who loose violence and denunciation
on shadowy people
and thereby
curse and reject
the darkness in themselves.

To be reconciled
and to aid an unreconciled world,
one must accept,
not only Christ,
but himself.

Mrs. Lawrence L. Durgin

Women's Fall Conference Speaker

The Fall Conference of the North Carolina Women will be held at **First Christian Church,** 415 S. Church Street, Burlington, North Carolina, on October 12th. Registration will begin at 9:30 A. M. Mrs. Thomas W. Madren of Hines Chapel, McLeansville, President, will preside.

Mrs. Lawrence L. Durgin, wife of the pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle in New York City, will be the main speaker. Mrs. Durgin was brought up in Raleigh, North Carolina. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Phi Beta Kappa. She served as Traveling Secretary for the Student Volunteer Movement in New York for the Middle Atlantic Region and Director of Student Work at Oberlin College.

Mrs. Durgin has been active in church work in each of her husband's parishes. She has been active in United Church Women, Book Clubs and Debating Society. The family traveled west in 1962 and to Japan in 1964. Mrs. Durgin has served on the Executive Committee of the Japan International Christian University Foundation, Inc.

The Durgins have two children: Katherine, a student at the Senior Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois and Worth, a student at Williston Academy, Easthampton, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Durgin will also be the main speaker at the **Eastern Virginia Women's Fellowship Meeting on October 7th.**

North Carolina and Virginia

Pilgrim Fellowship Fall Rally

October 10 **2:00 p.m.**

Moonelon Center

WHAT MAKES ME TICK?

ON THE EDGE

It is with real interest that we note the **Hymn of Worship** as listed in the Sunday bulletin from one of the churches this past week: Immoral Love.

Mrs. Ruby Haynes showed slides of the Bible Lands at the **Palm Street United Church of Christ in Greensboro** on October 3.

The Rev. Lawrence Strunk, pastor of Christ Reformed United Church of Christ in Hagerstown, Maryland, will serve as missioner for the M.O.R.E. service, October 3-9 at **Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville.** Mr. Strunk will also be leading Bible Study fellowships just preceding each worship service.

In an effort to restudy the local church in the light of the gospel emphasis and challenge, **Calvary United Church of Christ in Thomasville** will have "Why The Church" as its fall and winter emphasis. Pastor for the church is the Rev. Huitt R. Carpenter.

The film "Our Bible: How It Came To Us" was shown at the **First Congregational Christian Church (UCC) of Reidsville** on October 3 during their evening fellowship meeting.

Some of the laymen of the **Shallow Well Congregational Christian Church in Sanford** will lead the October 10 morning worship service in observance of Laity Sunday. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Collie Seymour.

PRAYER VIGIL AT ROSEMONT

Prayer vigil will be held this Saturday from 6:30 to 9:00 p. m. at Rosemont Church, South Norfolk, Chesapeake, Va., preparatory for our Mission on Renewal and Evangelism which will begin next Sunday, October 3 — ending on the 7th. Rev. Bill Bryan of Sterling, Illinois, will be our Evangelist.

P. F. Apportionments!

Each conference PF has designated goals for their apportionment which supports conference and Convention PF work as well as Our Christian World Mission in America and abroad. How much your church is asked to accept as its goal may be learned by attending the rallies planned in the conferences this fall. Treasurers for the conference and district PF groups are:

NC & Va.: Judy Rhodes, 1354 Long St., Burlington, N. C.
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WNC: Carolyn Johnson, Rt. 4, Asheboro, N. C.
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ENC (Sanford District): Janice Langston, 1301 7th St., Sanford, N. C.

Apportionment payment should be sent to one of these conference treasurers who will then send whatever has been designated for Convention work to the Convention PF treasurer.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF —

Elected to administrative positions with the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ are, left to right, the Rev. Bill Simmons of Chesapeake, Va., who will head the Virginia area of the conference; the Rev. James Morrison of Graham, conference field associate; Dr. James H. Lightbourne of Atlanta, Ga., conference minister; the Rev. Edwin Alcorn of Conover, head of the Western North Carolina area; the Rev. Richard Rinker of Elon College, conference director of Christian education; and Dr. Clyde Fields of Elon College, head of the eastern North Carolina area.

Elon College Honored

Two Recent Grads Given Recognition

L. Donald Johnson of Burlington and **Mrs. Betsy Allen Parsley,** formerly of Mebane, have enrolled as first-year medical students at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N. C. Both Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Parsley were honor graduates of Elon College in the class of 1965.

They are among 54 members of the freshman class, selected from 988 applicants. The new students, graduates of 29 colleges and universities, represent 14 states. Twenty-seven are from North Carolina.

Mrs. Parsley, daughter of Mrs. Weldon Dale of Spruce Pine and the late Lewis M. Allen, is married to Fred R. Parsley of Spruce Pine. She was graduated magna cum laude from Elon College in June, 1965.

Mr. Johnson is the son of Mrs. Dorothy W. Johnson Parnell of Parkton, and the late Leslie D. Johnson.

A graduate of Elon College, where he was a John W. Barney Scholar, he has been awarded a Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Scholarship which will support five years of medical education.

WHICH ARE YOU?

A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows . . . not good unless pushed.

Some are like canoes . . . they need to be paddled.

Some are like kites . . . if you don't keep a string on them they fly away.

Some are like footballs . . . you can't tell which way they'll bounce next.

Some are like trailers . . . they have to be pulled along.

—From **Mt. Zion Mebane Bulletin**

New Bookstore Catalog Out

The 1966-67 Catalog for the United Church Bookstore has been mailed out. Pastors wishing a copy may obtain one by writing to The United Church Bookstore, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19102. This is a 136 page, 8½ x 11 listing of religious supplies, books, and church school items.

Ordinary Efforts

"John did no miracle; but all things that John spake of this man were true."
John 10:41

The way in which you do the hum-drum counts a lot. John, the Baptist, did the things a man in his place would do. Divinely appointed and divinely inspired, he went right ahead with the message he was given. He preached as best he could, and in somewhat unlikely places. His clothing was the "as-you-are" type. No robe, no press agent, no choir; but he did have religion, and a divine kinship; he had no house of God but he did have the hills and the highways, and something divinely beautiful to say and the people heard him by the multitudes.

"No miracle!" He just said things about Jesus, and when the time of testing of the words which he preached came it is summed up in this very striking way: "He did no miracle; but all things John spake of this Man were true!" I like that! How about that! What a beautiful and true thing to say about John, the Baptist!

"He did no miracle," but it turned out that he was himself a miracle. He did the ordinary chores that came along his appointed way, and did them well!

The occasion about which we are writing was a time when Jesus came back to that same spot where John preached, "and many resorted unto Him!" Two people were appraised by the crowds, as they lowered their voices and talked among themselves. (1) They believed on Jesus, and thus chose to follow Him. (2) They remembered John, the Baptist, and said that while he did no miracle, everything he said about Jesus was true!

John said of himself: I am a witness, and ah, what a witness!

John said of himself: I am a voice crying in the wilderness!

How many mothers, or men, can you think of who did no miracle; but whose lives lifted others by their daily living, by their ordinary efforts, under God?

In doing our best help us never to be discouraged, O God. Amen.

John G. Truitt

NOTES FROM THE DESK

On Creating A Heritage

The value of a heritage is found not in what once was but in what has grown to be. If the only promise given by a heritage is the memory of that which has been, then hopes are doomed and faith is senseless.

We, as Christians, cherish these things: hope and faith, expectation and attainment in Christ. As we recall the several streams which have come from the giver of living waters, the heritages of different (though commonly instituted) expressions of mankind's response to God, it is not with sorrow that we continue in the mainstream of this expression. It is with joy and exuberant trust. We see not an end to what once was, but a continuing rebirth as men rediscover their relatedness in making their responses to God's compassionate love.

Through the mundane and the institutional necessities, we can find an eternally valid truth. It is that as mankind grows in knowledge and wisdom so also must men grow in dedication and service. If they do not, their knowledge will produce a heritage of destruction and self-centeredness. They will find their highest values in themselves.

Divisions among men, if they are the result of a reliance on what has been, supplement destructiveness and corrosiveness. Fear and mistrust of growth and change, and the chronic inability to see change as necessary for growth, is a corollary of such reliance. To be sure, not all change is growth. But equally true is the hopeful and centered-in-faith concept that not all change is evil, as some are inclined to suspect without thoughtful consideration.

With faith and hope, with an eagerly expectant expression of anticipation, do we seek outgoing avenues of deeper service and dedication. We are not alone in our search. We shall find others, as we have already found some, whose search parallels our own and with whom we can walk forward.

The heritage we are now creating for our descendants will be of value only if we choose to build it on growing faith and service with our expectations far surpassing our lamentations, and our faith in a movingly creative God exceeding the anchoring pull of where He has led us in the past.

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THE CHRISTIAN SUN

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We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our father, and to his deeds we testify:

**He calls the worlds into being,
creates man in his own image
and sets before him the ways
of life and death.**

**He seeks in holy love to save
all people from aimlessness
and sin.**

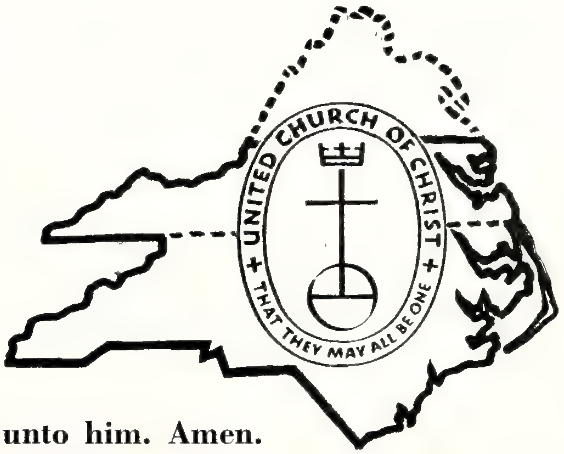
**He judges men and nations by
his righteous will declared
through prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of
Nazareth, our crucified and
risen Lord, he has come to
us and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death and
reconciling the world to
himself.**

**He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the
Church of Jesus Christ, binding
in covenant faithful people of
all ages, tongues, and races.**

**He calls us into his Church
to accept the cost and joy of
discipleship, to be his servants
in the service of men, to
proclaim the gospel to all the
world and resist the powers of
evil, to share in Christ's
baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and
victory.**

**He promises to all who trust him
forgiveness of sins and fullness
of grace, courage in the struggle
for justice and peace, his
presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in his kingdom
which has no end.**



Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not . . .
/KJ

Then he began to upbraid the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, beause they did not repent.
/RSV

Then Jesus began reproaching the towns where most of his miracles had taken place because their hearts were unchanged.
/Phillips

During Jesus' ministry, three things are encouraging as we bear witness to his gospel where we are. The first is that even living with his followers closely, one remained unreached by his words and deeds. The second is that of all the multitudes with whom he came in contact, only a small portion of them responded positively to his challenge. The third is that not all of the places in which he labored became committed to his way.

These facts are encouraging not because of the perfidiousness and fickleness of humanity which they illustrate, but because **in spite of these experiences** during his ministry Jesus did not waver from his purpose or turn from the sacrifice he was called on to make on the cross. He recognized the hard cold quality of life . . . that even God remains unanswered by some. And he reaffirms again and again in his ministry that, though this is true, God never ceases to look for a response.

Those of us engaged in bearing witness to our faith and the gospel of our Lord sometimes weary of the pitfalls, the failures, and the deafness encountered. Let it be clearly seen that we are not alone in experiencing these setbacks — Jesus also knew their effects. Knowing this, we shall be strengthened in our task to witness and rewitness where we are to the convictions of our relationship with God.

Breakthrough Priorities

In the Breakthrough Visitations last month, one part of the visit involved small groups making decisions on which areas of **Target Ahead** they felt priority should be given. These small groups of men and women spent from twenty to twenty-five minutes discussing and studying the twelve possible **Target Ahead** directions, six in world missions and six in homeland missions. In these discussions, each group was asked to decide on the area they considered deserving of first priority, which second, and which third. The following figures indicate how many small groups in the North Carolina visits to some eighty churches gave first, second and third priority to the noted areas of **Target Ahead.**

World Ministries	**First**	**Second**	**Third**
1. Population Explosion	**29**	**10**	**5**
2. Leadership For New Nations	**8**	**22**	**16**
3. Emergency Action In Africa	**2**	**7**	**8**
4. Mission Strategy In Japan	**1**	**2**	**9**
5. Study Of Foreign Affairs	**0**	**8**	**16**
6. Lay Training	**26**	**14**	**11**
Homeland Ministries			
7. Leisure Revolution	**7**	**5**	**6**
8. Public Education	**8**	**17**	**9**
9. Training For Mission	**24**	**4**	**11**
10. Urban Mission Strategy	**4**	**6**	**3**
11. Health And Welfare	**3**	**17**	**10**
12. War On Poverty	**7**	**3**	**12**

Accordingly, the most important areas of concern among those visited seem to be the population explosion, lay training overseas, and training for mission here in our own churches.

CORRECTION — BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In last week's **Christian Sun,** on page 7, under the Board of Directors listed for **Eastern North Carolina, Laymen, One Year Term,** the name of Mr. Frank Wooton should replace the name of Mr. I. H. Vickery inserted in error.

Senior Citizens Honored

Apple's Chapel Service

A unique and impressive service was held on September 26 at the **Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ in Gibsonville.** It was in honor of their senior citizens who had reached or surpassed the age of eighty, and the handicapped. A special place was provided for those in wheel chairs. Of the thirty-six senior citizens, shut-ins and handicapped folks in the community, eighteen were present. Two were ninety-two and ninety-three years old.

Vickie Faucette, a former student at the State School for the Blind, sang. Dinner was served in the community building following the program. Those who attended enjoyed a rich experience.

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More About The New Church Building At Hampton

Rev. Carl Wallace and the congregation of First United Church of Christ, Hampton, Va., are to be congratulated on the completion of their relocation and building program. The Church was formerly known as "First Congregational Christian Church" and the building was located on Roanoke Avenue in Newport News, Va. The membership of the Church voted to relocate and sell their property, conduct a bond capital funds program, engage an architect for the construction of a church building on their new location at Todds Lane, Hampton, Va., called Rev. Carl Wallace to be the successor of Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, worshipped in a school building for a number of months, and on September 26, 1965, consecrated a beautiful new building on Todds Lane, Hampton, Va., with the congregation to be known as the "First United Church of Christ, Hampton, Va."

The influence of English Colonial architecture can be discerned in the new structure, with a graceful white spire reaching 130 feet into the air. The floor plan describes the letter H, with the front wings forming the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, and the rear wings housing Classrooms. The connecting wing in the center of the church will be occupied by small children in front of which a garden will grow, and behind which a playground is planned. Ample parking for an estimated 300 cars is available to the rear of the building accessible by a drive that encircles the entire edifice.

The furnishings in the Sanctuary follow the colonial theme with white-end pews and maroon carpet covering the entire floor surface. A divided chancel is enhanced by a velvet dossal that hangs seventeen feet bordered by colonial pilasters.

The parlor at the rear of the Sanctuary is connected by a decorative folding partition. This unique arrangement allows for extra space for worship and a suitable place for a coffee hour and small receptions.

Colonial furnishings for the C. D. West Memorial are presently being chosen. The Chapel will be large enough to seat forty persons for small weddings and funerals.

The stainless steel kitchen with a cafeteria serving counter, and gleaming white cabinets, wraps around the stage of the Fellowship Hall and gives the impression of a packaged unit for preparing, serving and eating food.

The beautiful and unusual lighting fixtures and electrical controls throughout the structure are a result of the love and care of a life-long member deceased, Mr. W. Bernard Williams.

The building was designed by C. W. Huff, Architect, Richmond, Virginia, and the General Contractor was W. M. Jordan of Newport News, Virginia.

A number of items of equipment and furnishings were provided as memorials to deceased members of the congregation by loving relatives and friends.

Three services of worship were held on the day of Consecration on September 26, 1965. Dr. W. T. Scott, Sr., was the guest minister for the 11:00 A. M. Service of Worship; Dr. H. S. Hardcastle was the guest minister for the Cornerstone Laying at 4:00 P. M., and Dr. Clyde L. Fields was the guest minister for the Service of Installation and Consecration at 5:00 P. M. Following the service at 5:00 o'clock P. M., members and visitors were invited to share in a delicious buffet supper in the Fellowship Hall of the Church.

The entire Southern Convention would offer congratulations and best wishes to Rev. Carl Wallace and the members of the First United Church of Christ, Hampton, Virginia, for a mission well done.

Clyde L. Fields

No. Carolina Pastors' School

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November 1-3, 1965

The program will include:

The James Gray Lecturer:
The Rev. Dr. H. Shelton Smith
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Duke University
—Stifling the Antislavery Spirit in the Old South
—Defending the Dogma to the Bitter End
—The Triumph of Racial Orthodoxy
—The Judgment Day of Jim Crow

The Convocation Sermons:
The Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Miller
Dean, Harvard Divinity School
—On Hearing the Word
—On Seeing Miracles
—On Finding the Soul

The Alumni Lecturer:
The Rev. Dr. George A. Foster
Minister, Trinity Methodist Church
Tallahassee, Florida
—The Minister As the "Man-in-Between"

Pastors' School Lectures:
The Hon. Brooks Hays
White House Consultant to
The President
—Meditations of a Troubled Moderate
—The Theological Education of Politicians

Panel Discussion:
—The Minister and Extremist Pressures

Registration will be held at Flowers Building Lounge on the campus of Duke, between 2 and 4 p. m. Monday, November 1.

College Construction In Southern Conference Area

Two New Dormitories At Catawba

Final approval for the construction of two new dormitories on the campus of Catawba College was given yesterday and a general contractor named for the project. Action on the buildings was taken by the executive and finance committees of the school's board of trustees acting for the full board as they met in special session on the college campus.

Announcing the "go-ahead" decision on September 29 was Catawba president Dr. Donald C. Dearborn. He said the new dormitories, designed by John Erwin Ramsay and Associates of Salisbury, would be built by the J. C. Coe Construction Co. of Charlotte on a low bid of approximately $800,000.

Construction of the buildings, **one to house 128 men and the other 172 women students,** is expected to begin quite soon, hopefully by the first week in October. Completion is planned for late summer for next year, in time for the structures' use in the fall semester.

Some 55,500 square feet of new construction are involved in the project which is being financed with a private loan paid back through room rental fees .

The addition of the two dormitories is part of the college's plan to bring the resident student population to a level of 800, with commuting students numbering around 200, making a student body of 1,000. There are approximately 590 students residing on campus at the present time and it is planned to relieve some of the crowded dormitory conditions now existing as well as increase the size of the normal freshman class for next fall.

A third men's dormitory is planned for the relatively near future, so that all dormitory space can be utilized to its fullest without crowding and the student population level of 1,000 realized.

The men's dormitory will be located just behind Salisbury-Rowan dormitory and parallel to Summit Avenue. The women's dormitory will be built on the north side of the campus, below the gymnasium on North Park Drive. Both of the structures will be multi-story affairs. The men's dormitory will be four floors and the women's will be three floors on the east end and four floors on the west, owing to the elevation of the construction site.

The dormitories will be built of a reddish-brown brick harmonizing with present campus structures. In addition there will be trim elements of white, precast concrete, and porcelain enamel panels above and below the aluminum casement windows.

Some of the dormitory room furniture will be built in. One whole wall of each room, designed to hold two students, will be devoted to built-in chests of drawers, mirrors, wardrobes, and storage space. Book shelves will also be built in, with beds, chairs, and desks being the rooms' only movable furniture.

A large parking area will be constructed adjacent to the men's dormitory, and the women's residence hall will be flanked on the north and south sides by paved courtyards with a public entrance from both sides.

The women's dormitory will be 42 by 215 feet and the men's 42 by 130 feet.

This will be the third major building on the Catawba campus designed by John Erwin Ramsay and Associates. Other structures are the Shuford Science Building built in 1958 and the College-Community Centre completed in March, 1964.

The J. L. Coe Construction Co. is a large firm with a background of construction projects for colleges and military installations. The firm also built the American Building, a large multi-story office structure in Charlotte.

He Must Increase

By Johnnie Massey

According to the third chapter of John the 22nd through the 30th verses, John is baptising at Aenon, which is near Salin. The scripture says that John is baptising there because the water is plentiful and because people constantly came to him for baptism. This event takes place after John has baptized Jesus, but before John is imprisoned and finally killed by King Herod.

After baptising Jesus, John continued to preach and to baptize. Jesus also began his teachings and healing of the sick. The multitude that John had drawn in earlier days became smaller and smaller as many heard and believed in the words that Jesus spoke. The disciples of John became angered and worried about the diminishing crowds and tried to get the people to return to John's word. They could not understand why one that John had baptized should become greater than John, and have a greater following. Coming to John, they told him of their concern for him and his following. They, trying to protect the feelings of John, reminded him that he had been the one who had baptized this man and the one who had given him his start.

However, it was the feelings of the disciples that needed protecting and not those of John. John answered them by saying that a man can have only what God gives him. All of the good which John had done, had come through God. John reminded his disciples of his own words that he was not the Messiah, but one who was sent as the forerunner. John came as a pioneer and a healer. He laid the way for the coming of Christ. This had been his task and now his task had been fulfilled. The time had come for Christ to take over.

John compared himself to the friend of the bridegroom. During the time of John the friend of the bridegroom had the responsibility of planning the wedding. This was an important responsibility. However, this importance is small when compared to that of the bridegroom. Having served as the friend, John again steps back into obscurity and enjoys the happiness of his friend. John was experiencing this joy now. He felt no bitterness, no envy, no sadness in his heart, only happiness.

John then declares, **He must increase, but I must decrease.** John realizes that all of the work which he has done has opened the way for one who is greater than himself. He knows that this is the beginning of a new age in which he will have no important role. He knows that no longer will people come to him, but will seek the one who is greater. John's work made ready the coming of Jesus Christ.

We, as Christians, have the task of increasing the name of Jesus Christ. He **must** increase. The question is, Can we carry out this task with the same attitude of mind which John held?

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

. . . From Latin America

Dentistry In Honduras

"A dentist offered a month's service in the rural villages of Honduras."

The month has been an eventful one. We were happy to have as guests in our home, Dr. Dale Brainard and his wife from Cleveland. As a dentist, Dr. Brainard offered a month's service in the rural villages of Honduras. They travelled through five villages. Ken did the translating for the dental work and had worship services in the evening. The reaction in each town was different. In the first village, Mangulile, they were received very warmly. After three days of work, the dentist extracted 280 teeth, and the people expressed gratitude for his services. In the next town, Yorito, there was so much fear and superstition, Ken had a difficult time finding food and lodging for the group, and few made themselves available to the dentist. Thus the dentist left a day ahead of his schedule because of the indifference. Although the reaction in Yorito was an exceptional one during Dr. Brainard's visits, it indicates the lack of understanding and fear the people experience before they can accept and appreciate the medical service ministered in the name of our Lord. Several groups of doctors have visited Honduras this year, and with medical service, have given a testimony through their love and concern."

From: **Rev. J. Kenneth Trauger,** Honduras

A United Witness In Ecuador

"Ecuadorians and foreigners must join hands and share what we have to give to the Church."

Yesterday was an exciting day for us in Ecuador!

Delegates representing ten congregations formally constituted the United Evangelical Church of Ecuador. This new church is not remarkable for its size, only about 300 communicant members, but rather because for the first time in Ecuador, churches of various missions have come together to form one body.

Five congregations begun by the Church of the Brethren Mission, four resulting from the work of the United Andean Indian Mission and one congregation with no mission affiliation pledged themselves to unitedly face the task of Christian witness in Ecuador. The ordination of two Ecuadorian pastors as one of its first acts means that not only is this a church in name, but also that it has men set aside to serve in a full ministry.

We were encouraged to feel the healthy, independent attitude of the new church toward the parent bodies. Rev. Gonzalo Carvajal, elected president by the assembly, proudly speaks of the **national** church. But he is quick to add, "I don't mean an irresponsible nationalism which cuts itself off from outside help. Ecuadorians and foreigners must join hands and share what we have to give to the church."

From: **Rev. Eugene Braun,** Ecuador

SALLY KENNEDY & ELIZABETH LESTER

Word From Kobe College About Two North Carolinians

A NEW YOUNG TEACHER

Sally Esther Kennedy (Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina, '65) is already happily teaching English in the Kobe College High School. She sailed from San Francisco on August 12th, after attending the five week orientation conference for missionaries at Stony Point, N. Y.

Sally's major field in college was Music Education. Her minor was in English in which she also excelled. Throughout college she worked with choir, band, and dramatics groups. She was a member of the Student Christian Association and sang in various church choirs on Sundays. She was President of Ars de Musica in her senior year. At her senior piano recital, she played selections by Debussy, Schubert, Barber and Bach.

Sally writes: "The Church has always been a big part of my life, along with my high school schedule was quite a busy church schedule. I attended Youth Fellowship and Bible School. Afterwards I taught Bible School. I've always sung in church choirs, and last summer I was assistant choir director."

Sally hopes to use music and drama in some phases of her English teaching, but even if she finds this impossible, she is enthusiastic about the Kobe assignment. She will live in Pinewood with Elizabeth Lester, whose parents know her parents quite well.

ELIZABETH LESTER A GREAT ASSET TO KOBE COLLEGE

Many fine comments come from the campus about Elizabeth's work. Especially enthusiastic are the commendations about her fluency in the Japanese language. Her letters indicate that she is busy and happy, in this her last year of teaching in the high school. She has taken the responsibility of teaching a class on Sundays on "Basic Christian Beliefs," "something I am quite unqualified to teach, but I will learn a lot in preparing and presenting these lessons."

"In addition to my regular teaching I am continuing to be an advisor of the School English Club, to be a chapel leader occasionally, and to teach English two hours a week at a church in Osaka. I am also continuing to study Japanese. A group of us, who are short-term missionaries, have joined a weekly discussion group to help in our growth and thinking about Christianity."

"I am enjoying my life here more and more. It's wonderful to be in another country, to become acquainted with its customs and people, and to see the work of Christ's church in another part of the world. I only hope I can help in the work of that church while I am here in Japan!"

ON THE EDGE

At their Quarterly Conference on October 6, the **Belews Creek Church** viewed the motion picture, **The Hidden Heart.** This is a stewardship education resource available through the Audio-visual library at Elon.

The Pilgrim Fellowship at **Salem Chapel and Belews Creek** has purchased a new slide and filmstrip projector for the use of these two churches. They are in the process of working for a record player to go with the new projector.

The Congregation United Church of Christ in Greensboro was the scene for the area churches to share in a closing service of worship in the M.O.R.E. emphasis.

A signboard-filling sermon title: "How To Succeed In The Religious Life Without Really Trying" preached by Rev. Tom Britton of **Lynnhaven Colony United Church of Christ, Virginia Beach,** on October 10.

The Warwick United Church of Christ at Newport News has instituted a new Weekday Kindergarten. With 19 students in two classes, the school got off to a fine start in September. More and more of our churches in urban areas are involving themselves in this kind of educational ministry.

The Junior High Fellowship at the **Congregational Christian Church at Franklin** held a car wash on October 2 to raise money for their activities.

A piano has been given to **Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ in Gibsonville** by the Roy Apple Family.

The Rev. J. William Arnold, pastor for the First United Church of Christ at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, will serve as the missioner of the **First Christian Church (UCC) in Burlington** during the week of October 4-8.

At the **Elon College Community Church,** the Rev. Arnold Slater, pastor for the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, will be the missioner from October 4-10. Several churches in the area will join together on October 10 at 7:30 for **Kirchentag** (Church Day) at the Elon Church. This will mark the final day in the M. O. R. E. observance being made by many of our churches.

Lieutenant Governor Robert Scott will speak to the Men's Club of the **United Church of Raleigh** on October 19 at a luncheon meeting. The ladies of the church have also been invited.

Several churches of the Southern Conference will be participating in **Mission on Renewal and Evangelism** during the week of October 3-10th. Ministers in several key areas will gather with a mission leader to discuss Bible study and Evangelism during the morning, and then participate in the mission services each night. Dr. Clyde L. Fields is guest missioner for the Center United Church of Christ, South Boston, Virginia.

EVERHART ARTICLE IN PULPIT DIGEST

Rev. William M. Everhart, pastor of **Asheboro United Church of Christ, Asheboro, N. C.,** has a sermon published in the October issue of **PULPIT DIGEST** magazine. The sermon is titled, "The Kingdom Beyond Class," and is based on Galatians, chapter 3, verse 28.

Mrs. Alvertine Privette, of Elon College, spoke to the Women's Fellowship of the **Mt. Zion United Church of Christ in Mebane** on October 8. The program was in charge of the Social Action Chairman, Mrs. Nina Atkins.

Dr. W. T. Scott will be the guest speaker for the October 27 meeting of the laymen at Liberty Vance United Church of Christ near Henderson. Dr. Scott is the Director of Church Relations at Elon College.

Guest Preacher At Raleigh

Dr. Donald K. Shriver will preach at the Raleigh United Church on October 17. Dr. Shriver is University Minister of the Presbyterian Church U. S. and Assistant Professor of Religion in the School of Liberal Arts at North Carolina State. The pastor of the church, the Rev. S. Collins Kilburn, will be preaching at the White Rock Baptist Church on that day in connection with their 99th Anniversary Celebration.

Children Learn What They Live

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.
If a child lives with pity, he learns to be sorry for himself.
If a child lives with fear, he learns to be apprehensive.
If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.
If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith in himself.

—From Mary's Musings
Warwick **Contact**

ROSEMONT PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, September 19, the Senior Hi Pilgrim Fellowship officers of Rosemont Christian Church were installed. The service was conducted by Rev. Carroll Lewis. Rev. Lewis also conducted a Communion Service after the installation of officers.

The following officers were installed:

President — Linda Hodges, Vice-President — Jimmy Ennis, Secretary — Mary Sparkman, Treasurer — Geraldine Alexander, Faith Chairman — Debbie Atchley, Action Chairman — Vicki Hendren, Fellowship Chairman — Nancy Lewis.

THE RADICAL RIGHT AND RELIGION

The September issue of **Christian Friends,** published by the Anti-Defamation League, contains biographical and operational information about three of the leaders of the "Radical Right" in our nation: Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, Billy James Hargis, and Rev. Carl McIntire. Copies of this publication may be ordered from Christian Friends Bulletin, 315 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10016.

REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 27.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	96.00
Western North Carolina Conference	134.50
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	3.38
Total	$260.88
Special Offerings	
"Helping Hand Bible Class," Apple's Chapel Christian Church, Burlington, N. C.	10.00
Mrs. Iris L. Holt McEwen, Burlington, N. C.	200.00
Evangelical Congregational Church, Grafton, Massachusetts	25.00
Mr. R. C. Cox, Greensboro, N. C.	5.00
Woodland Garden Club, Burlington, N. C.	25.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Edith McPherson Spencer	
In Memory of Mrs. Bowman	
Total Memorial Gifts	20.00
Special Offerings	449.28
Total	$734.28
Total for the Week	$995.16

David Andes At Andover Newton

David Andes, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Andes of Elon College, is a first year seminary student at Andover Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Massachusetts. Friends may wish to write to him at 414 Farwell, 215 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

David is an honor graduate of Elon College and is the recipient of a scholarship for study at Andover Newton. He is working with the Second Church (United Church of Christ), West Newton, Massachusetts.

Readers of **The Christian Sun** will want to send greetings to him and wish him well in his study and preparation for the Christian ministry.

Program Planning Workshop

Eastern Virginia P.F.'s

On Saturday, October 23, a **Program Planning Workshop** will be held at Oakland Christian Church, Chuckatuck, Virginia, for officers of Senior High Pilgrim Fellowships and their advisors in the area. This Workshop will be led by Rev. Richard N. Rinker and Rev. L. Bill Simmons, Field Secretaries for the former Southern Convention.

This program planning will be organized around the five program areas of The Youth Ministry as outlined in the Plan For The Youth Ministry: Faith, Fellowship, Citizenship, Outreach, and Witness. There will be a presentation of the use of resources in planning a local church P. F. program. This will be followed by small groups engaging in actual program planning using resources provided by the Workshop.

The fruits of this training opportunity for officers and adult advisors will be suggestions for programs and an understanding of how to go about planning from available resources.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

The Day Care Center

Dear Friends:

On our page today we are picturing Miss Maxine Bean, Director of our Day Care Center along with some of her boys and girls. We have been most pleased with the response to our Day Care Center in the immediate vicinity of our Home.

This is a service, as you know, for children between the ages of 3 and 6. This is a service that we are endeavoring to give to working mothers in the Alamance County area.

As the readers of our Christian Sun know, the people of the immediate area of the Home have been and are most generous in their support to the Home. Thus, we were pleased when we could render this needed service to this area.

Any time any of our people in our churches happen to be on our campus, we hope you will visit the Day Care Center located in Holt Memorial Chapel.

Walstein Snyder

SOUTHERN SYNOD YOUTH FORUM

On Saturday, October 2, at First United Church of Christ in Charlotte, the State Youth Forum of the Southern Synod (UCC) Youth Fellowships was held. This Forum was for high schoolers and had as its theme "Man and Mass Media." Tours and presentations included radio, TV, newspaper and Cinerama.

Raleigh PF Goes To Franklinton Center

A retreat is being planned for the weekend of October 9 by the young people of the United Church in Raleigh. The retreat will be held at Franklinton Center at Bricks and will include work, worship, study, and recreation. President of the group is Bryan Green; vice president, Margo Martin; secretary, Cynthia Crisp; worship chairman, Dennis Hazel.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

CONFERENCE OFFICERS' RETREAT

Adult Role Discussed

Among the discussions held during the Conference Pilgrim Fellowship Officers' Retreat at Moonelon Center September 25-26, one of the most fruitful had to do with the role of adult leadership in youth groups. Asked to make constructive suggestions as well as negative criticisms, the small groups shared their experiences with adults and talked about adults. The young people met without adults in their small groups, incidentally.

Some of the constructive ideas which came out most frequently were these: (1) know what the young people are supposed to be doing, (2) be aware of what the Youth Ministry is all about, (3) know what adults are getting into when they agree to serve as advisors, (4) be able to accept as well as give criticism, (5) be there to help when asked for help but refrain from imposing ideas on the group, (6) encourage the young people to do their own planning, (7) don't take over the leadership, (8) provide purpose for the youth work, (9) obtain training by attending training opportunities, (10) keep an open mind, (11) be willing to try out new ideas, and (12 keep up with and share communications received from beyond the local group.

All are quite important. Evaluate your relationship to your group if you've accepted the responsibility of being an adult advisor. How do you measure up to these suggestions?

A Note From Your Secretary

Hello! My name is Jayne Yates, and I'm your new Southern Convention Secretary. I come to you from Pleasant Union Christian Church, near Asheboro, North Carolina. I'm secretary of my Sunday School, secretary of my local Pilgrim Fellowship and have served as secretary for the Western North Carolina Pilgrim Fellowship. I am the pianist for the Youth Choir at my church .

I'm 17 years old, and a senior at Farmer High School. At school I serve as secretary of the Beta Club, co-captain of the girls' basketball team, and Activities Editor of our school annual. I work in the school bookstore. I am a member of the Honorary Math Club, Monogram Club, and served my class as Junior Marshall last year. I represent the girls of my high school as a member of the Teenage Fashion Board, sponsored by SEVENTEEN MAGAZINE!

I'm interested in science and math, and plan to become a Physical Therapist. I enjoy music, and have taken piano lessons for two years. I sing in a trio of girls under the direction of my voice instructor. I like sports, food, knitting, cats, talking, and people-especially people. I enjoy my work in Pilgrim Fellowship, and feel that it is worth my time. It's worth yours too!

Jayne [illegible]

PF Programs At Durham UCC

During the month of October these are the concerns with which the Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship at Durham Congregational Christian Church will be dealing: "The Will of God, Relationship With God"; "Right-Wing Political Groups"; "Left-Wing Political Groups"; "KKK — Black Muslims"; and a Halloween Party on the last day of the month.

1966 Youth Week Packet

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 6 will be Youth Week in 1966. The theme will be WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE WE WAITING FOR. . . .

Samples of packets have been mailed out. Local church leaders wishing to have packets may order them from Dept. of Publication Services, National Council of Churches, P. O. Box 301, Madison Square Garden, New York, New York 10010. The cost is $1.75.

Included in the packet are the following items: Youth Week Poster; Youth Week Postcard; Youth Week Study Book, "These Rebellious Powers"; Youth Sunday Worship Bulletin; Ecumenical Service of Worship; Study Guide; Ecumenical Worship Bulletin.

BEGIN PLANNING NOW FOR AN EFFECTIVE OBSERVANCE OF YOUTH WEEK! ! !

The 1966 Pilgrim Fellowship Budget

At the September 26 meeting of the Youth Council, the following budget was accepted for the Pilgrim Fellowship groups within the former Southern Convention:

For Our Christian World Mission	**$3,000**
1966 Youth Forum Delegates Expenses	**350**
Officers' Expenses for Meetings	**250**
Contingencies	**400**
Total	**$4,000**

It was agreed that money not used for the last three items in the above budget would be placed in the first item, Our Christian World Mission. Pointed out was the fact that over the past two years, for the Remake-A-Lake and Icebreaker Projects, the young people of the Southern Convention were largely responsible for raising a large part of the total of nearly $4,000 received. It seemed fitting that this coming year should be devoted to the broader mission of our fellowship and for this reason the goal of $3,000 was set for Our Christian World Mission.

On the basis of the last records of local PF memberships, this comes to about $1.10 per PF'er for the year. Therefore the apportionment being suggested for each group will include this $1.10 plus whatever the acting association PF needs for its operating expenses and projects.

Every PF group should begin working on this goal, for without the active support of all groups we cannot attain the $4,000. With real work, we can surpass it. Let's go! Apportionment gifts should be sent to your acting association treasurer.

OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION

Asking The Right Questions?

Too often the educational mission of a local church has degenerated into a ritualistic attempt to maintain a long-ineffective status quo. Instead of a vital and relevant witness, this mission has gradually taken on the unholy qualities of dryness, drabness, and deadly insignificance. Beyond the religious climate of the church on Sunday morning, the mission is unconvincing.

In **Growing Up Absurd,** Dr. Paul Goodman quotes a letter in which the writer suggests that education's "aim is **not** to convey some information but to get the information across as part of the student's nature and second nature, so he can make an individual and creative use of it."

On the average, it requires the first fourteen to sixteen years of a growing individual's life (assuming that from ten to thirteen of these years include exposure to the church's educational program) before the deadly irrelevancy of that program is discovered. Perhaps this is one reason why young people in the upper high school ages, along with post-highs and those in their youthful early twenties, become disenchanted with the message being broadcast by the church. When marriage comes along, and children enter into the home, the relevancy of the church to the parents' own childhood may be simply one of habit. That is to say that when they were children they were a part of an educational program in a local church, possibly with a certain degree of regularity. Therefore, though they're not certain why, their children ought to also be a part of a local educational program sponsored by the church.

When this takes place, this exposure of children to the church, it sometimes happens that the parents again become engaged in the church's program. The bothersome question, especially if they become involved in any aspects of the educational mission (church school, men's or women's fellowships, study groups, etc.), remains: **are they to find more unrelated piety, or is it possible for them, as adults, to continue maturing as Christians in an individual and creative way?**

There seems to be a fallacy at work among conscientious and dedicated men and women working hard in their "educational" mission. It is this: (1) the Word of God has been given to mankind, and (2) mankind needs to accept and apply this Word of God, therefore (3) if we share it, others will accept it because they ought to regardless of how we share it.

The cold, hard fact of the matter is that "others" may or may not accept it. For example, **why should a 20th century adolescent accept a first century gospel, written in seventeenth century terms, and denied in the lives of contemporary adults?** Because he ought to?

Has belief in this gospel led adults to think of people as persons to be heard, as creatures of God capable of making choices and acting creatively? Has belief in this gospel led adults away from a fear that prevents changes which introduce God's Word in contemporary form?

If, honestly, the answers to these and equally troublesome questions are "no", or rationalizations amounting to the same thing, is it so because we have never discovered the relevancy of the gospel habit? Do we see people as persons (yes, even adolescents!)? **Do we understand that the truth given by God must be fresh and vital for each new generation?** Do we confine His Word within the habitual forms of our past Sunday Schools? Do we live in the world as believers or as it is convenient to live?

For a long time we have had pious answers. But we have not had the right questions. Of, if we've had them, they've been scorned as sacriligious, heretical, ignorant, or unamerican.

Begin now with this! Why should **any** individual living in our day accept a first century gospel, often expressed in archaic terms, which is more often than not denied by the actions of those who profess it as the basis for their lives? When an honest answer is found, then the need for genuine relevancy will also be uncovered, and the fallacy of the pietistic "ought" will be exposed. This is the difference between saying that a thing "ought to be" and saying **why** it ought to be. The former breeds comfortable hypocrisy. The latter nurtures growth in man's relationship to God.

Adventures In Understanding

The Warwick United Church of Christ at Newport News will be sponsoring a series of **Adventures In Understanding** during October, November, December, January, March and April. The series is planned to make each one of the participants more acquainted with some of the other parts of Christ's church.

Speakers have been invited to spend an hour in addressing the group on their particular background. The following groups will be represented in this series: Disciples of Christ, Mennonites, Greek Orthodox, Society of Friends, Church of the Brethren (Dunkards), and Roman Catholics. Coffee and cake, with informal fellowship, will follow the presentations. The dates are October 3, November 7, December 5, January 2, March 6, and April 3.

Adult Study Forum

Responding several years ago to a request by their Minister, the Rev. Frank Ratzell, and the director of their church school, members of the church started a group to consider in depth concerns of family life. A year later the group began to deal with various religious and social issues, questions in which members of the group as a whole were interested. For example, the group gave considerable time and thought during the past Spring to Bible study. Following that and through September, it used a book by the noted English historian, Arnold Toynbee, **Christianity Among the Religions of the World.**

Now the group is just starting on the general question of poverty, using a paperback book, **The Other America,** by Michael Harrington, and a booklet of the National Council of Churches, **Poverty In the Midst of Plenty in the U.S.A.,** both selected by the group as a whole.

Eastern Virginia Women's Fellowship Annual Report

September 1, 1964 — September 1, 1965

ANNUAL REPORT 1964-1965

	Appor.	Life Memb.	Memo.	Jrs.	Cradle Roll
Antioch	60.00	10.00		4.10	
Berea Nanse	125.00	30.00			
Berea Hardcastle	50.00				
Bethlehem Nanse	450.00	90.00	10.00	40.00	75.00
Bethlehem Disputanta	20.00				
Bayview	175.00	30.00			
Bayside	100.00	10.00			
Central	60.00				
Christian Temple	500.00	60.00	10.00	22.81	
Cypress Chapel	220.00	40.00		21.00	13.25
Damascus	80.00		10.00		22.50
Dendron	60.00		10.00	4.25	
Eure	67.00		10.00	5.40	5.40
Franklin	500.00	10.00	10.00	17.00	9.00
First Church, Portsmouth	105.00	30.00	40.00		
Great Bridge	200.00	20.00			
Holland	225.00	20.00		20.00	
Holy Neck	200.00		10.00	22.00	20.00
Hopewell	50.00	10.00			
Hunterdale	255.00	40.00	10.00	5.20	
Isle of Wight	65.00	10.00			
Liberty Springs	256.50	10.00		27.40	
Little Creek	50.00				
Lynnhaven	100.00				
Mt. Carmel	100.00				9.50
Mt. Zion	40.00	10.00			
Newport News	300.00		20.00		
Oak Grove	38.40	10.00			
Oakland	160.00	20.00			42.42
Pembroke Manor	40.00	10.00			
Prince George	40.00	10.00			
Rosemont	350.00	40.00	20.00		
Richmond First	75.00	20.00			
Spring Hill	25.00				
Shelton Memorial	160.00	10.00			
South Norfolk	225.00	60.00	10.00		
Suffolk	1,000.00		60.00		
United Portsmouth	35.00	20.00			
Wakefield	71.00				
Warwick	80.00	10.00			
Waverly	75.00		10.00	5.00	1.83
Windsor	160.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	5.00
	6,947.90	650.00	260.00	204.16	203.90

Primary Franklin	12.00
Kindergarten Franklin	2.00
Pembroke Manor Oakland	25.00
CMA Warwick	7.05

Mrs. M. F. Hall, Sr., Treasurer
Women's Fellowship
Eastern Virginia Conference

The 1965-66
Life Membership
And Memorial
Project
of the
Women's
Fellowship:

The
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Center
Rec-Nic
Facility

Receipts

Balance Brought Forward		$ 150.46
Apportionment	$6,947.90	
Life Memberships	650.00	
Memorials	260.00	
Pembroke Manor (Oakland Gift)	25.00	
CMA (Waverly Jrs.)	7.05	
Juniors	204.16	
Cradle Roll	203.90	
Primary Department	12.00	
Kindergarten Department	2.00	
Rally and Conference Offerings	472.70	
		8,784.71
TOTAL		$8,935.17

Disbursements

Mrs. W. B. Williams, Treasurer	$8,584.71	
Treasurer's Bond	12.00	
Southern Convention (1964 Minutes in Annual)	75.00	
Ann Gaskill (Speaker Honorarium)	15.00	
Virginia Council of Church Women	100.00	
Treasurer, 1st Church Newport News (Memorial Mr. W. B. Williams)	25.00	
Postmaster Suffolk, Va., Stamped Envelopes	18.00	
Stewart and Caffee, Report Blanks	52.06	
Mrs. Bill Simmons, Postage, Phone Calls	15.32	
Mrs. Fred Huber, Rally Expense	6.22	
Mrs. Sara Ellis, Rally Expense	6.51	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		$8,909.82
BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1965		$ 25.35

E. VA. WOMEN'S FELLLOWSHIP (Continued)

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Antioch
Mrs. Chloe Edwards

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Mr. S. Ray Barrett
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Mrs. Lee Gibson

Holland
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Mrs. Lee Bond

Hopewell
Mrs. Louise Sodomka

Hunterdale
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Mrs. Lorene Moore

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Mrs. Delta Widgeon

Prince George
Mrs. Lillian Cibula

Rosemont
Mrs. W. H. Bradshaw
Mrs. O. G. Fleming
Mrs. Bessie Wright
Mrs. W. E. Gladstone

Richmond First
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Mrs. Janie Pierce Hoggard

Shelton Memorial
Mrs. Nellie D. Sanford

South Norfolk
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Mrs. Cattie Boyce
Mrs. Rosa Funk
Mrs. Hazel Roberts
Mrs. Annie Curling
Mrs. Mary Hogan

United Portsmouth
Mrs. Mary McDaniel
Mrs. Louise Cross

Warwick
Mrs. Marjorie Hayes

Windsor
Mrs. Betty J. Alphin

Strong Loaned To W.C.C. World Ministries Leader

Rev. Robbins Strong, who heads the Division of Interpretation and Personnel of the Board for World Ministries, has been named acting director of the Division of World Mission and Evangelism of the World Council of Churches with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. UCBWM is lending Mr. Strong for six months beginning Sept. 1st to fill the WCC position previously held by Bishop J. E. Leslie Newbigin who has returned to India.

MEMORIALS

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Gilmer Hudson Harrell, Jr.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Snow

Damascus
Mrs. Ellsworth Winslow

Dendron
Mr. Fields W. Cobb

Eure
Mrs. Lannie E. Smith Sr.

Franklin
Mrs. W. B. Pierce

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Mrs. J. T. Wallace
Mrs. H. W. Lee

Holy Neck
Mrs. C. A. Piland

Hunterdale
Mr. James O. Carter

Newport News
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CWS Director Before Senate Subcommittee

Urges Study Of Vietnam Refugees

In testimony late in September before the Senate subcommittee to investigate problems connected with refugees and escapees, a spokesman for **Church World Service** asked that it consider the massive refugee problem in Vietnam. Addressing the senators, James MacCracken, executive director of **Church World Service,** expressed the great satisfaction felt by the major denominations over the proposed changes in the present U. S. immigration law.

He pointed out, however, that there are additional refugees "beyond the traditional definitions." These, he said, are the millions of homeless and disenfranchised persons who are victims of "a multiplicity of pressures not easily defined." Some are the victims of new national boundaries. Other refugees, who have not even crossed international boundaries, are a problem too great for the host nation to handle with local resources.

"Within this context," Mr. MacCracken said, "it is valuable that this subcommittee inquire into refugee needs in Vietnam."

Mr. MacCracken reported to the senators that in 1964 alone, **Church World Service** expenditure of resources amounted to $44,991,420, which included relief shipments valued at almost $33 million, to aid some six million people around the world. Since World War II, to August 31, 1965, he said, the U. S. churches, through **Church World Service,** have helped 148,412 displaced persons, refugees and escapees find jobs and homes in this country. **Church World Service** is a department of the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches.

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SENIOR DEACON AT ROSEMONT HONORED

A certificate for "outstanding" work as usher, committeeman, official greeter, visiting man and "all purpose" man was presented to **Mr. J. H. Goodwin** this past Sunday during the church service.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Pie, Saints, and The Wind

During the last rain and windstorm, the decorative piece atop the steeple of our church at East Burlap was blown off. In the process of trying to decide on a replacement for it, the Board of Trustees saw fit to appoint a committee to study the matter and act accordingly as they saw the real need.

The G. U. S. T. S. (Group Undergoing Steeple Top Study) held their first meeting to arrive at a basis for their studying. It was generally agreed that whatever was put atop the steeple should be (1) symbolic of the church's mission, and (2) easily noticeable by members and visitors in the community. If, in addition, it had some practical value, this would be so much the better.

After several days of individual research, the G. U. S. T. S. came together to share their reports. Amazingly, when everyone had heard the reports, the unanimous decision was in favor of Mr. D. C. Currant's idea. He suggested putting a neon light in the shape of a circle above the steeple. Within this circle, there would be an arrow-like segment with the point of the arrow meeting at the center of the circle. This, he said, would symbolize the church's unity of purpose, the perfection of God, and would also show which way the wind was blowing. It seemed to be just what was needed. Fortunately, Mr. Currant was an electrical contractor and was able to do the necessary work.

With very little trouble the new steeple top symbol was attached. A short upright piece served as the stand to which its center could be mounted. The neon tubing made a circle about three feet wide. Two pieces of tubing went from the rim of the circle to form a point at the center of the circle, and thus an arrow. The plan was for the whole assembly to revolve with the wind.

As a final touch, Mr. Currant made four sets of interchangeable neon tubing: green, red, violet, and white. When the altar paraments were changed, the deaconesses also could change the ecclesiastical color of the steeple symbol.

It has been several weeks since the symbol was installed atop the steeple at our East Burlap Church. The effectiveness and value of this beacon soon became apparent. There were those in the community, for example, who came to think of the church, fondly, as the "pie-in-the-sky" church. Others were moved to point out that the "halo" above the church was a fitting tribute to the saintly congregation. Still others, somewhat less reverently, pointed out that the "halo" seemed broken.

As for the attractively-illuminated arrow within the circle ... it seemed to lack substance enough to be caught by the wind. One observer put it succinctly: "You can't hardly tell how the wind moves on the face of the earth!"

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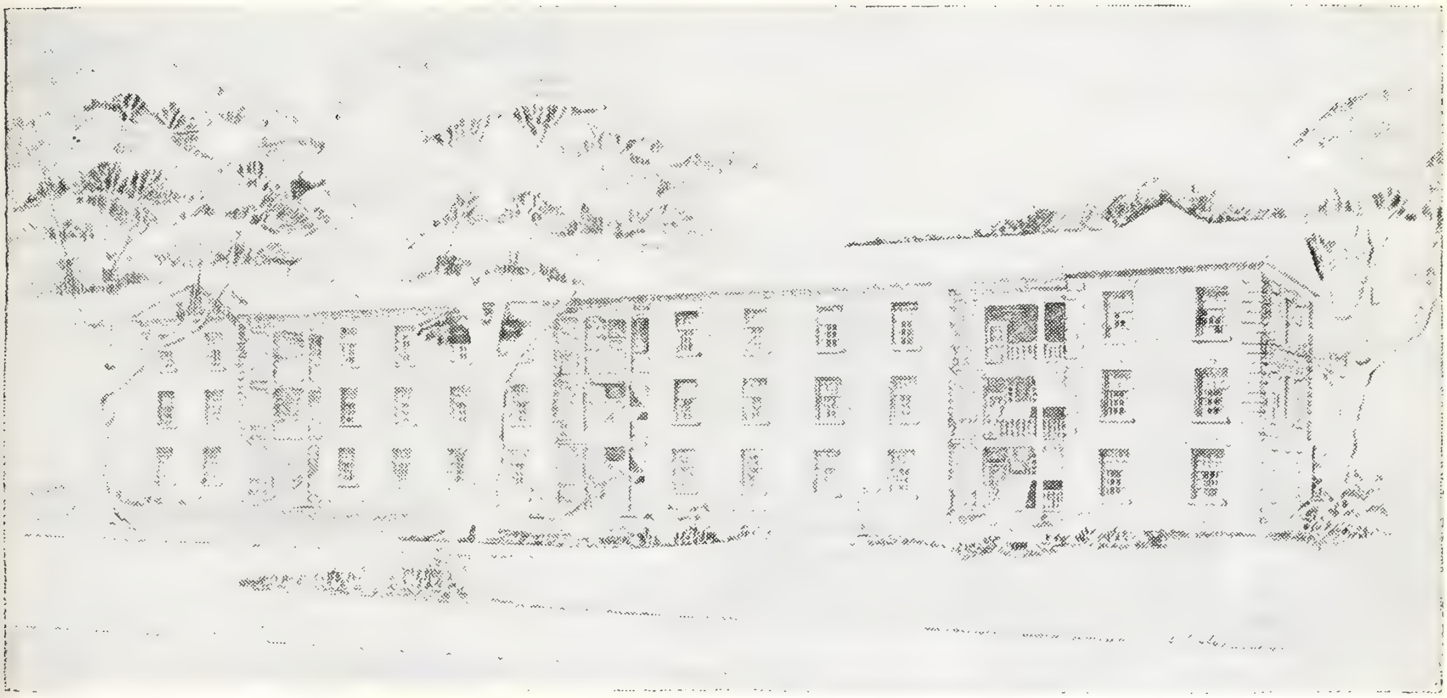
Elon College Construction

Dorm & Student Center



A new men's dormitory to furnish housing for 150 students will be started on the Elon College campus in November, according to Dr. J. E. Danieley, who has just announced last week plans for construction of a new student center at the college, also to be started in November.

The new men's dormitory, like the previously announced student center, will be financed through a loan that was recently approved by the Housing and Home Finance Agency of the federal government. Estimates are that the new dormitory will cost approximately $359,000.

The architectural plans for the new dormitory provide for a three-story brick structure of traditional design to blend with the other buildings on the Elon campus, but the interior design will eliminate the traditional long hallways and will provide for suites of rooms, arranged in three sections and with bath facilities for each four-room suite.

President Danieley points out that the elimination of the long hallways will provide quieter space for student living and study. Each room will have built in closets, dressers and desks for the occupants.

The new dormitory will be built in the southeast corner of the Elon walled campus and will replace the currently inadequate housing being used in East Dormitory, South Dormitory and West End Dormitory. These three residence halls now furnish accommodations for 85 men, so the new structure will offer enlarged residence facilities for 65 additional men students on the Elon campus.

Ground-Breaking & $25,000 Gift — Page 9

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

But he (the lawyer), willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?

/KJ

But he (the lawyer), desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

/RSV

But the man (the lawyer), wanting to justify himself, continued, "But who is my neighbour?"

/Phillips

When, in our day, we speak of neighboring planets or galaxies, of neighboring countries, of neighboring states, of neighboring communities, and of neighboring homes, who then is our neighbor?

When we, in the tradition of neighborliness, speak of exploring the universe, aiding the nations in need, working with the states around us, sharing in the problems of communities with which we share community problems, and of lending a cup of sugar, what then is our stance toward our neighbor?

When Jesus, against the tradition of his day, suggested that the despised Samaritan, in an awkward moment, in a difficult location, and at some inconvenience, accepted as his neighbor a stranger, in this simple illustration, our Lord is saying plainly that anyone is our neighbor. Wherever we find him, in whatever condition, in whatever circumstances . . . he is your neighbor.

In our searchings, our sharing, our struggling together, and our sugar-borrowing, we are neighbors because we hold in common a need or an ability to meet a need. For Christians the greatest bond of neighborliness is the witness of faith in the Christ and the reconciling love of God. This gospel transcends boundaries of time and space. It brings together the forgotten brotherhood in which we all share. It crosses lines of color and status. It cracks the wall of isolated complacency and comfortable disassociation. It is a bonding catalyst which draws together in need and in power the receivers and the givers. Our gospel received from the Christ is a gospel of neighbors who are also brothers with Christ under the Fatherhood of God.

SHARE OUR SUBSTANCE

FOOD—the first thing a man must have for his family. TONG HA KIM builds a dyke to reclaim land which he will farm. His wages are food from Church World Service in Korea—provided by your gift to SHARE OUR SUBSTANCE. Governments and struggling people must do much to prevent world famine. The church helps point the way in over 40 countries with lunches for millions of school children, food for hospital patients and for others in greatest need.

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ELON COLLEGE CLASS OFFICERS

Noel Allen & Kathy Copeland

Two young people active in the Pilgrim Fellowship in the past few years have been elected as officers of their freshman class at Elon College. **Noel Allen,** past vice president of the Southern Convention P. F., was elected Vice President of the freshman class by a wide majority of votes. **Miss Kathy Copeland,** past Faith Commission chairman of the Southern Convention P. F., was elected the Secretary-Treasurer of the freshman class. Congratulations and best wishes to these two young people as they seek to lead their class and further their education.

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30 September 1965

Rev. Richard N. Rinker
Box 336
Elon College, North Carolina

Dear Dick,

Two days ago I received notice of the convening of the first session of the Southern Conference. As a minister in the Southern Conference who is far from that meeting, I wanted to write to express my elation over the final union of the respective church bodies, and at least to be present with you in spirit if not in body. My assignment in Vietnam obviates my attendance at this milestone in our life and history. However, as the Conference meets, I offer my prayer to God beseeching Him to lead us more and more into the knowledge of and commitment to the community of faith, His Church, and that He will find us worthy instruments to be used more effectively and forcefully for His purpose in the redemption of the world. May God's richest blessings be showered upon the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

In Christ,
PHILIP F. KAHAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Experimental Advertising

An experimental advertising campaign to explain the organization and activities of the United Church of Christ is being carried out by **22 churches in the Washington, D. C.,** area in cooperation with the Board for Homeland Ministries, Executive Council and Office of Communication.

The first series of three two column ads, **stressing the new curriculum,** ran in the Washington POST, STAR and AFRO-AMERICAN, September 3, 9, and 10. The "action message" urged readers to enroll their children in Sunday School September 12th. The ads included a central telephone number, and volunteers from the churches manned phones to direct callers to the church which best met their individual needs.

Later ads will deal with **basic principles of the church and its major activities.** Among the subjects will be the need for ecumenicity, experimental ministries, civil rights activities, inner-city work, social action and world ministries.

The campaign is not designed to attract people who already have a church affiliation. **Its main purpose is to establish the identiy of the United Church** and the relationship to the denomination of the local churches. The ads are "run-of-paper" — but the churches will continue their customary advertising in the church directories.

Washington was chosen as the city for the experiment because of its large transient population, because many if its inner-city and suburban problems are typical of cities around the country and because the ministers and congregations of the area are especially aware of the need for identification of the church under its new name, Dr. Everett C. Parker, director of the Office of Communication, explained.

"This experimental use of advertising to explain the purposes of the Church is another attempt to find new ways to communicate with people. The church cannot rely solely on traditional methods of communication. It must constantly seek to deliver its message in new ways so that modern man understands the eternal verities it seeks to make known," Dr. Parker said.

FOOTNOTES FROM FIELDS

The Fall Conference (Association) Meetings

The Fall Conference (Association) Meetings of the former Southern Convention will meet this fall as in former years. The Southern Conference recognizes as acting Associations some 12 such bodies which made up the three larger merging church organizations which formed the Southern Conference in the meeting which took place on September 30 at Elon College.

It is important that representatives from churches in each of the acting Associations, or Conferences as we know them, meet for work and fellowship this fall. There is important work and witness for all.

FALL CONFERENCE MEETINGS:

Eastern Virginia — Oakland Church, Chuckatuck, Virginia — October 28 — Rev. Robert B. Marr, President.

Eastern North Carolina — Southern Pines United Church — Southern Pines, N. C. — November 2 — Rev. Lowell Smoot, President.

Western North Carolina — Shady Grove Church — Troy, N. C. — November 3 — Rev. J. Avery Brown, President. Shady Grove is located about 12 miles from Seagrove on the Troy Road.

North Carolina and Virginia — First C. C. Church, Reidsville, N. C. — November 4 — Rev. H. Winfred Bray, President. The church is located on Montgomery Street.

The speaker for all the Fall Conferences will be the Rev. Leon Dickinson, Council for Church and Ministry of the United Church of Christ, New York, N. Y. The programs for the Fall Conferences are prepared by the Executive Committees and the pastors of host churches. There is provided time for program, worship, fellowship, and business matters. The meeting will only be as strong as the cooperation of churches and delegates seek to make it. ELECT DELEGATES — BE SURE THAT DELEGATES ATTEND — MINISTERS SHOULD BE PRESENT WITHOUT FAIL.

Clyde L. Fields

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"LET FREEDOM RING"

Slanderous Practices

A formal complaint has been filed with the Federal Communications Commission by the legal counsel of the National Council of Churches concerning anonymous recorded telephone messages heard in some 35 states under the title, "Let Freedom Ring." A copy of the letter, signed by Charles H. Tuttle, was forwarded to the legal department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. Judge Tuttle is a senior member of Breed, Abbott & Morgan, Attorneys-at-Law, New York City.

The complaint expressed the Council's **deepening grave concern with the rapid expansion of the commercially organized use of Automatic Announcement Service equipment to widely disseminated unrecorded telephone numbers . . .,** which constitutes **broadcasting, interstate and intrastate, anonymous, flagrantly defamatory attacks and libels on individuals and institutions, and sowing fear, distrust, strife and hate through the communities of our land.**

While the National Council of Churches is a prime target of the messages, Judge Tuttle pointed out that other victims have been and are **some of the most distinguished private and public organizations and individuals in our country.** Included among them is the Parent-Teachers Association, the Supreme Court, three presidents of the United States, prominent church leaders and the United Nations Children's Fund. The letter also noted that, a month ago, a similar protest had been filed with the FCC by the Anti-Defamation League by its general counsel.

Judge Tuttle cited numerous court decisions protecting "the public body" from defamation of character and libel. **These defamatory messages,** said the letter, **and the broadcasting of their scripts . . . are within the law's definition of a publication which is libelous per se as tending to expose a person to public contempt, aversion, disgrace and evil opinion.**

"There is nothing in the First or Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution," Judge Tuttle wrote, "which protects as 'free speech' such libelous publications and mechanized broadcastings."

The texts of monitored messages, which are heard upon dialing unlisted yet widely advertised telephone numbers, were included in Judge Tuttle's letter. Typical is one broadcast on May 12, 1964 from Sarasota, Fla., saying in part: **We also urge our listeners to purchase a rifle or pistol for home defense. We are not — we repeat, we are not promoting insurrection, as does the National Council of Churches . . . .**

The telephone companies claim they have no right to censor such messages unless they are obsene or used for unlawful purposes.

A thorough background paper on "Let Freedom Ring" methods and sponsorship has been prepared by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Single copies of "Facts" at 5 cents each may be ordered from ADL at 315 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y. 10016.

Dirkson Learns The Hard Way

"The ministers really came out of their corners on this one;" said Senator Everett M. Dirkson (R., Ill.) as he pigeonholed his proposed bill to hold Election Day on the first Sunday in November. An avalanche of 10,000 protesting letters convinced him that "church-going people do not like the idea much." He added: "I always learn the hard way."

ON THE EDGE

The Festival of Faith held in Lexington for the UCC churches in Davidson County was led by the Rev. Ray Harwick of Reading, Pennsylvania. This gathering was held at **Second United Church of Christ,** October 10. A similar meeting was held at **Greensboro United Church of Christ** for churches in the M.O.R.E. emphasis in the area. Guest leader was the Rev. Dr. Clyde H. Reid of the Board for Homeland Ministries at New York City.

Dr. John G. Truitt was guest preacher for the early September revival at **Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ in Liberty.** During this special series of services he brought five messages to the congregation.

The Seventh Anniversary of **St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Greensboro** was observed with a picnic dinner on the grounds on October 3.

Dr. J. Earl Danieley was the guest speaker at the **Wake Chapel Christian Church (UCC) in Fuquay-Varina** on October 10 as the church observed Laity Sunday. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Carl F. Dunker.

Rev. Richard N. Rinker met with the leaders of the youth fellowship at **Ebenezer Christian Church in Burlington** on October 24 to discuss the youth program of the church.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AT BAYSIDE

Bayside Christian Church (UCC) at Virginia Beach has an active Church Membership Committee whose goal for October is 20 new families that they will work toward bringing into the church family. This month has been designated as **Membership Month** at Bayside.

Dr. Scott Visits Florida

Dr. William T. Scott, Director of Church Relations for Elon College, will visit Florida October 10-22. He will meet with Elon College alumni in Jacksonville, Orlando-Winter Park, West Palm Beach, the Miami area, Ft. Meyers, Bradenton, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Lakeland. He will also be visiting with ministers in the Florida churches, and with other friends of Elon College. He will speak twice at the Miami Beach Community Church on Sunday, October 17, when that Church observes Higher Education Sunday; and on October 20 at the First Congregational Church of St. Petersburg — he will address the mid-week dinner meeting of the Church.

Dr. and Mrs. Scott were residents of Jacksonville for seven years when Dr. Scott was Superintendent of the Florida Congregational Christian Conference and of the District of the Southeast of the Board of Home Missions of Congregational Christian Churches.

Elon College has a goodly number of alumni and many friends and loyal supporters in the state of Florida. Mrs. Scott will accompany her husband on the visit to their former home.

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If our church buildings were to burn down with no insurance, would we be "the church" in the same sense as before? Less? More? What **would** happen if all the churches were burned down?

—From the Wake Chapel **Challenger**

A New-Fashioned Halloween

It is fifteen years since the **United Nations Children's Fund** wound up its emergency aid to post-war Europe, and undertook to assist long-range programs for children and mothers in the underdeveloped world.

Coincidentally, it is also fifteen years since an ever increasing number of American boys and girls decided to give up soaping windows and playing pranks on Halloween, and to devote their **Trick or Treat collection** to helping sick and hungry children in far-away lands.

In these fifteen years, **UNICEF's** accomplishments have been tremendous, considering that this agency operates with an annual budget equivalent to only eight per cent of what is spent on world armament in one day. This has been possible because the beneficiary nations have been doing their share. While UNICEF provides vitally necessary supplies and equipment, the countries themselves furnish materials that they do have for the programs for children. As a matter of fact, in recent years they have contributed the equivalent of $2.50 for every $1.00 spent by **UNICEF.**

The Children's Fund's accomplishments have also been made possible by the spirit of generosity, selflessness and good will which is so strikingly represented by America's young Trick or Treaters — **UNICEF** relies entirely on voluntary contributions.

LIFE AT BARGAIN PRICE

In the developing countries, where three out of four of all the world's children are growing up, 40 percent of the population is under 15. A **UNICEF** survey shows that requests for aid vary greatly from area to area. The Asian countries give priority to health and nutrition programs, Africa to education, Latin America to social welfare, particularly to programs for abandoned children. However, all nations agree on the vital need for an intensified fight against disease and hunger, and for the creation of permanent welfare services for children.

Young Americans play their role in this world-wide humanitarian venture by donning their witches', goblins' and spacemen's garb, by going out Halloween evening in small, well supervised groups, and by ringing doorbeels to the chant of, **Trick or Treat for UNICEF.** Every coin that is dropped into their orange collection cartons will grow, and grow. A single **UNICEF** penny can mean the vaccine to protect a child from tuberculosis. Each "treat" of a nickel can provide the penicillin to cure two children of yaws, an ugly, crippling tropical disease. Through the **Children's Fund,** a quarter buys enough antibiotics to save two young victims of trachoma from blindness; 50c means enough DDT to protect seven children from malaria for a year; 75c provides the sulfone to treat a young leprosy victim successfully for three years.

FISH IN SMALL PONDS

In the field of nutrition, the figures are equally dramatic. Since its inception, **UNICEF** has probably been best known for the fact that with one penny, it provides a hungry child with five glasses of milk. By the same token, a three months' supply of vitamin capsules for a child or a mother suffering from malnutrition costs **UNICEF** only 15c.

Your
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But more important still is the search for safe vegetable proteins which can be grown and processed in the developing countries at low cost. **UNICEF** also promotes nutrition education, and the production of fruit, vegetables, fish and poultry in school gardens, back yards and small ponds.

The great need for health and welfare services is met in part by **UNICEF** through a network of some 7,000 Mother and Child Centers which cater to about 70 million people. Mostly active in the fields of midwifery, child care, sanitation and disease control, for them they are the only link with modern medical and nursing practices.

INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE

Most of these facts and figures are familiar to American youths who have already participated in the **Trick or Treat for UNICEF** program. Many of them are also aware of **UNICEF's** efforts to bring some measure of education, including manual arts and agricultural techniques, to countries where less than half of the primary school-age children are in school.

More difficult for them to grasp, and of primary concern to adults, is the implication found in the fact that in the underdeveloped world, the child population is increasing by about two and a half per cent a year. This is taking place at a time when the global situation could best be summarized in a single word — change Often the turmoil and upheavals which make the headlines reflect only superficial transformations, however changes in depth do occur, and they will influence our whole lives, and even more so our children's for better or for worse.

The modern way of life has suddenly become apparent to millions of people who are still deeply rooted in the past. In their haste to cross over a gap of centuries, they often break off from ancient traditions before having learned to cope with what is new. The first victims of this unbalance are the children — those children in whose hands the destiny of their countries will be in just a few decades.

Welcoming UNICEF Trick or Treaters on Halloween is more than a humanitarian gesture; it is a sound investment in the future of the world.

Former Editor & Superintendent

Dr. F. C. Lester 50 Years In Ministry

The Rev. F. C. Lester, pastor of the Congregational Christian Church (UCC) at High Point, began his ministry in the fall of 1915 by accepting a call to serve the Haw River Christian Church.

On October 24, the members of the Haw River Church will travel to the High Point Church to worship there in the morning service and in a special afternoon service. The pastor of the Haw River United Church of Christ, the Rev. James Rosser, will be the guest preacher for the morning, and the host pastor, Dr. Lester, will speak in the afternoon.

Congratulations to a Christian gentleman and an exemplary Christian leader.

A GOD ON THE MOVE

By William T. Joyner

"Ezekiel saw the wheel
    way in the middle of the air."
    Apt symbol
    of a God in motion.
Worshipers adore him
    on holy mountains,
    in lavish temples,
    in simple churches
But no single place
    contains his presence;
No assemblage of devotees
    holds him back.
In pillars of fire and cloud
    he goes before his people
    this mighty God who moves.
"Rush, rush, rush!
    People are
    in too much of a hurry
    now adays."
"Stop the world,
    I want to get off."
But why complain?
The God who moves
    is no enemy
    of mobility.
He creates it
    and revels in it;
    calling his people
    to sever roots
    and travel
    toward promised lands.
His enemy:
    stagnation
    and the immobility of death.
In a world of moving men,
    the God whose Son
    had no place to lay his head
    is at home.

World-Wide Bible Reading

More than 20 million persons all over the world will participate this year in the World-wide Bible Reading program of the American Bible Society.

Worldwide Bible Reading, now in its 22nd year, is observed annually between Thanksgiving and Christmas as a spiritual bond to unite the peoples of the world. Each day, all persons participating read the same verse from the Bible of their choice, in any translation or version.

The program originated in 1943 from a request by a lonely Marine stationed in the South Pacific. He wrote his parents asking them to join him in reading daily, identical verses selected from the Bible. Together they would be able to maintain a true spiritual bond although thousands of miles apart.

His mother, recognizing the tremendous spiritual hunger which must be experienced by many servicemen throughout the world, called the Society's office to share the idea. Thus Worldwide Bible Reading was born. The Society's officers enlisted the active cooperation of churches across the country to bring this idea to families in their congregations. In the years following, people in other countries have joined in this Bible reading program. Won't you, too, read the words read 'round the world?

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Pleasant Hill Liberty Women's Fellowship Active

Using the program material of our denomination, the Women's Fellowship of the Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ near Liberty, has had a busy and significant year of work. Representatives from their group shared in the workshops and rallies as well as at the Summer Conference. Support was given to both home and world missions; the Directory and Calendar of Prayer was used regularly.

Mrs. Jimmie J. Norred, District Chairman, was guest speaker for Women's Fellowship Day at the church. Mrs. Jack Cook, the new president for the group, and Mrs. L. T. Wilkins, Jr., the pastor's wife, have contributed much to the fellowship this past year.

The four circles of the fellowship are off to a good start for 1965-66 thanks to the fine efforts of Miss Barbara Kellam, program chairman, and Mrs. Betty Teague who made the new year books.

So You're A Church School Superintendent!

In many respects church school superintendents are beginning to feel insecure in their positions. What with worship taking place in the individual classes as a basic part of the learning experience, and the exceptional help given to teachers using the new teaching materials, the superintendent occasionally wonders as he wanders about his rounds. This is not as it should be. The superintendent is more important now, in much more significant ways, than ever before.

A parallel exists, rather loosely drawn, between the relationship of a minister to his church and the relationship of the superintendent to his church school. The latter, as is true for the former, provides for spiritual nourishment, growth in abilities to serve, and guidance through administrative counseling.

Spiritual Nourishment

At three points in particular a church school superintendent can provide for the spiritual nourishment of his workers. First, he can himself witness as a practicing Christian. This he does in his relationships with others and by availing himself of opportunities which provide for such nourishment, eg., personal worship experiences, group worship regularly.

He can also plan (with the Christian education committee of his church) for regular Bible- and theology-centered study sessions for workers. Monthly or bi-monthly fellowships are not uncommon in church schools really alert to the spiritual needs of their leaders.

A third thing the superintendent can do: arrange for curriculum materials which nurture the workers as well as the students in faith-challenging and faith-stimulating ways. Together with the Christian education committee of the church, the superintendent should help guarantee the use of the highest quality teaching materials available.

Growth In Abilities

Along similar lines, the superintendent is responsible for providing for the continuing growth of his workers in their abilities to teach and serve.

By working for adherence to high administrative and teaching standards in the church school, both the small details of sound practices and the eternal truths which are especially valid in the educational mission of the church will be constantly improved and developed. Recognizing that no church school worker has reached "the top" in proficiency or faith-centered commitment, here is an area most often neglected.

A second way in which the superintendent can help in the development of workers' abilities is in arranging for regular training and refresher sessions for workers at each age level. High standards and more effective methods for witnessing in the vocation of teaching can be kept before the leaders in this way. One of the important tasks of the superintendent, in this connection, is to insist on participation and make every possible arrangement to insure that his workers share in these sessions regularly. The Christian education committee must support him in this effort.

Good teaching materials take into consideration the variation in abilities among teachers. Using soundly based materials will help workers grow in their understanding of their tasks and the means for carrying out their teaching witness.

Administrative Counseling

Included here are the pastoral and mechanical, the listening and the provisioning, the evaluating and the communication of the educational mission to the whole local church family.

As a listener, the church school superintendent must be aware of his workers' problems both in class and outside of the class. He must also be familiar with their abilities to meet these problems and overcome them successfully. When help is required, whether in the form of a temporary substitute during an unavoidable absence, or in the form of a specialist to teach a particular area of concern in a course, it is the responsibility of the superintendent to counsel with the worker and see to it that the difficulty is resolved constructively.

As an evaluator, the superintendent should see the church school as a learning community existing in a fellowship which is faith-centered. As such, it needs improving in order to assure workers and students of the best possible environment and tools for learning in such a fellowship. Organization, personnel, materials, facilities, church-home relations, coordination with the rest of the church's educational mission — all need constant evaluating as objectively as possible. Others, too, should share in this evaluation process; perhaps all or a part of the Christian education committee should be involved.

In all of these, and other concerns, the superintendent of a local church school needs to take very seriously his role as communicator of ideas. He communicates these ideas not only to his workers and the students they serve, but to the whole church family as they see him working. The effectiveness with which he carries out his tasks will witness to his conviction that the church school is a basically important stone in the foundation being built in lives by the church. Here is where the early work gets done on which lives will be constructed, with or without the mortar of faith and the tools of religion, depending on how meaningful the learning experience is to the children, young people and adults who will be a part of this mission.

The church school superintendent is a key communicator for the learning community to the wider community seeking to witness with ever-increasing effectiveness and relevancy within and beyond its immediate fellowship.

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GREENSBORO AREA SCHOOL PLANNING

The committee for setting up the annual Greensboro Area Training School for church school workers reports progress in making arrangements for the February 6-9, 1966 School. In 1966 the quality of this opportunity will be such as to attract workers from an increasingly inclusive area around the Piedmont.

PF Program Planning At Chuckatuck For Eastern Virginia

Remember the Program Planning Workshop to be held from 9:30-3:30 on October 23 at Oakland Christian Church, Chuckatuck, Virginia. This is for youth leaders (adult and youth) of local church PF groups serving the senior high ages (grades 9-12). Demonstration and practice in programming will be provided. Bring a lunch!

JOHN C. DEBOER

New Urban Church Field Secretary, UCBHM

JOHN C. DEBOER

The Rev. John C. DeBoer of Burlington, Vermont, has been appointed to the national staff of the United Church of Christ. Mr. DeBoer will be a field secretary in the Urban Church Department of the Division of Church Extension of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. He will begin his duties here on November 15, the Rev. Dr. Truman B. Douglass of New York, executive vice president of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, announced.

Mr. DeBoer, with responsibility for the eastern third of the country, will assist in developing ministries in underprivileged urban neighborhoods and will advise ministers and congregations on how best to deal with the problems of urbanization.

Before his recent appointment, Mr. DeBoer was assistant minister of the Vermont Congregational Conference, with offices in Burlington, for six years. In 1964 he was a member of the denomination's Committee on Program Strategy, and from 1963 to 1965 he was vice president of the Boston Seamen's Friend Society, an organization founded by New England Congregationalists in 1827. He has prepared a study guide for the Urban Church Department.

Mr. DeBoer was minister of Maple Shade Congregational Church, Maple Shade, New Jersey, from 1953 to 1959 and of First Congregational Church, Union, New Jersey, from 1949 to 1953.

He is a graduate of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey (M.S.T., 1954) and of New Brunswick Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, New Jersey (B.D., 1950). Before entering seminary school he was a flight test engineer for a Long Island aircraft firm. He holds the B. S. degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Michigan.

The son of missionaries of the Reformed Church in America, Mr. DeBoer was born in Kodaikanal, India, on May 23, 1923. He is married to the former Clara L. Merritt of Detroit. They have three children: John, Katharine and David.

WITH NEW HEATERS

Usage Of Moonelon

Local church groups planning special retreats for the Spring of 1966 are invited to consider the use of Moonelon Center. Beginning in early April or late March, the facilities are open. The addition of cabin heaters and shower-room heaters will make the units comfortable.

The Operation Icebreaker project of the Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship has made it possible to install four room heaters and four shower-room heaters. The capacity of the heated overnight facilities is thirty-six persons. The dining hall has been provided with gas heaters for some time and can accomodate many more for meals and meetings.

Use of Moonelon is quite reasonable. **Overnight cost** is $1.00 per person (this does not include sheets, blankets, pillows, towels). **Meal** costs are 75c for breakfast; $1.00 for lunch; $1.25 for dinner. The kitchen may only be used by employed staff at Moonelon. **Groups must number at least twenty.** Use of the Dining Hall (without any meals or overnight accomodations) is $2.50 for groups up to 25 in number and $5.00 for larger groups.

Advance reservation is required from groups wishing to use the facilities. They may write or call Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. (584-3611).

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New York.—Worldwide interest in the new Bible House being built in New York has been aroused by plans for the triennial meeting of the United Bible Societies and the 150th Anniversary of the American Bible Society next May, about the time of the structure's completion.

The next Apportionment Totals will be printed in the Sun early in November . . . Are your OCWM funds sent in so they can be included?

BUSY DAYS AT REIDSVILLE!

On October 31, at 7:00 p.m., the motion picture **Martin Luther** will be shown. On the 16th, the young people of the church shared in a **Work Day For Christ;** they worked at chores supplied by the members of the church and community. The Reidsville Church has an active and significant ministry going to young people and children. Pastor for the church is the Rev. Dan W. Jones.

EUB — Methodist Union Progress

Unity commissions last month completed work on a plan of union and proposed constitution to unite the two denominations into a United Methodist Church. Both the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist groups are slated to act on the documents in simultaneous meetings in 1966.

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New York.—The world's tallest Bible House—12 stories high—is under construction here for the American Bible Society and will be completed in 1966 for the 150th Anniversary of the Society.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

$25,000 Gift For New Library

Groundbreaking For New Construction

Ground-breaking for two new buildings and the announcement of a $25,000 gift toward the planned construction of new library on the Elon College campus featured the annual fall meeting of the Elon College board of trustees on the campus Wednesday, October 13.

The ground-breaking ceremonies, which were held on the campus at 12 o'clock, were for a new men's dormitory at a cost of $359,000 and for a new student center at a cost of $274,000. Construction on both buildings will be started in November, with each to be ready for use by next September.

The announcement of the gift of $25,000 toward the erection of a new Elon College library was made by Dr. J. E. Danieley, Elon's president, at a joint luncheon of the Elon trustees and faculty, which was held in McEwen Memorial Dining Hall immediately following the ground-breaking ceremonies.

The announced $25,000 gift is from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc., of Sapelo Island, Ga., and it served as a fitting accompaniment for the announcement by President Danieley that Elon is launching a drive to raise $340,686 to finance erection of a new college library.

The ground-breaking for the new men's dormitory was held on the southeastern corner of the college's walled campus and featured a special litany led by President Danieley. Others taking part were Thad Eure, of Raleigh, chairman of the board of trustees; Dr. George M. Bullard, of Mebane, president of the Elon College Alumni Association; Dr. A. L. Hook, dean of the Elon faculty; and Jerry Cameron, of Sanford, president of the Elon student body.

The ground-breaking for the new student center, also on the site of the new structure, featured a litany led by Jerry Cameron, Student Government Association president, who took part along with other student government officers, among them Ben Bayol, of Alexandria, Va.; Eileen Cobb, of Amherst, Va; and Kenneth Faw, of Hockessin, Del. Also participating were representative students from all the states and nations that are included in the Elon student body this year.

Elon College Enrollment — Fall Semester

	Male	Female	Total
FRESHMEN			
First time in college	219	134	353
Other Freshmen	28	12	40
TOTAL FRESHMEN	247	146	393
SOPHOMORES	194	123	317
JUNIORS	161	73	234
SENIORS	137	74	211
SPECIAL STUDENTS	21	35	56
Total Day Classes	760	451	1,211
TOTALS			
Dormitory	401	229	630
Commuter	359	222	581
Total Day Classes	760	451	1,211
EVENING CLASSES	111	22	133
Grand Total	871	473	1,344

There is a total of 26 denominations represented.

CHURCH DENOMINATIONS:

Baptist	314	23%
Methodist	307	23%
United Church of Christ	250	19%
Presbyterian	162	12%
Episcopalian	59	4%
Catholic	56	4%
Lutheran	43	3%

(The other 12% comes from a balance of 19 denominations represented.)

Represented in the total student enrollment are 24 states, the District of Columbia, and three foreign countries.

STATES REPRESENTED:

North Carolina	918	68%
Virginia	205	15%
Maryland	31	2%
Connecticut	30	2%
New Jersey	28	2%
New York	25	2%
Delaware	19	1%
Florida	15	1%
Massachusetts	14	1%

(The other 6% comes from 15 other states, the District of Columbia, and three foreign countries.)

FOREIGN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED:

Greece	2
Jordan	1
The Netherlands	1

Students are enrolled from 56 North Carolina counties.

COUNTIES REPRESENTED:

Alamance	536	58%
Guilford	45	5%
Durham	38	4%
Rockingham	38	4%
Randolph	31	3%
Orange	24	3%
Forsyth	19	2%
Wake	18	2%
Caswell	15	2%
Lee	12	1%
Mecklenburg	11	1%
Davidson	10	1%

(The other 14% comes from 44 other counties in North Carolina.)

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

National Rural Life Center

Philippine Islands

We have just finished a three weeks pastor's school where we had 15 pastors from small rural Churches with us for training in agriculture skills and understanding the rural community in which they live and work. All of them returned to their parishes planning to be more effective in helping their people have a better way of life by teaching them better agriculture methods.

The National Rural Life Center is doing very well at the present. We have an excellent herd of milking goats, producing almost three gallons of fresh milk each day. Several have already gone out to Filipino families. This year we hope to place 10 more goats with families. We have over 100 head of pure-bred hogs with people coming most every day and taking breeding animals home to improve their local animals. We have over 1000 chickens producing table, as well as hatching eggs. This year we have placed almost 5000 baby chicks with families in various parts of the country. With the assistance of Heifer Project, we hope by October to have 30 heads of Jersey Dairy Cattle. Some will be placed directly with farmers and some will be at the Center for a foundation herd. Pastors and laymen are being brought to the Center for training so they can be more effective leaders in their communities.

We now have working with us in our Rural Life Program, 6 Filipino promotional workers. Two are Home Economists graduates teaching better nutrition, family planning, and home improvement. The 4 men are teaching farmers better methods of agriculture. In one area where work was started several years ago, rice production has been doubled. Twice as many pigs and chickens go to market each year because of protection against disease.

During this past year, our work has been greatly strengthened with the return of David Serate, who received his Master's Degree in Agriculture Extension in Kansas, and Armin Schmidt, a new Agriculture Missionary from the United Church Board for World Ministries. These men will soon be opening a new work among some of the tribal people to establish a cooperative for the sale of their farm produce and to assist them in getting planting materials so they can establish themselves in a stable economy.

From: **Dick V. Fagan,** Philippines

Why Are So Few People In Japan Christians?

Sometime ago one of you asked, "Why are so few people in Japan Christians?" Let me say, first of all, the primary reason is not the hold that Buddhism has upon the people. More young people are interested in Christianity today than in Buddhism. However, according to statistics, less than 1% of the population is Christian after a hundred years of missionary work. We who live in Japan also often wonder about this, so I'm sharing with you some of my thoughts on the subject.

Since Christianity is not one of the traditional religions of Japan, the cloak of conventional Christianity can scarcely be worn. One does not easily decide to become a Christian — the pull of life is not in this direction; rather, it is in the direction of an all-out secularism.

For one thing, there is little belief in a personal God. While Buddhism has done much to enrich life in Japan, it is essentially atheistic. This latent atheism is reinforced today by the trend of scienctific studies. It is quite common for Japanese young people to say, "I just can't believe in God."

On the other hand, the life and teachings of Christ do have an appeal that is widespread and strong. But there is a mistaken feeling that if you take the name "Christian," you are declaring yourself to be Christ-like, and who dares to do that? A false pose is abhorant, and non-Christians are quick to hurl the epithet "Hypocrite!" at those, who having taken the name of Christ, fail to completely live up to his teachings. So young people often say, "I must wait. I'm not yet good enough to call myself a Christian." But will that time ever come? Is it possible for that time to come if there is no undergirding faith to give reality and energizing power to one's ethical ideals?

Japanese people often use the word **mujum** (inconsistency). In their attempt to carry Christ's teaching into the life of society they are constantly faced with inconsistencies, contradictions, and the seeming necessity for compromising their Christian standards. Doubt comes dogging at their heels. They think, "If Christians cannot make society better, then their faith has little meaning." They also wonder about what they see and hear of life in the so-called Christian countries. So some who start out bravely, give up their faith, others decide from the beginning that it is too impractical to follow.

From: **Miss Alice Gwinn,** Japan

The Whole Family Of God

By Mrs. W. W. Sloan

It was twenty minutes before six. With arms full of groceries I hurried into the kitchen. On the counter was a painstakingly printed note: "Dear Mrs. Sloan I come at 4.00 Finish at 5.20 From Juanita S." At that moment my husband's voice asked, "Has she been here? The door was not latched."

"Missed her again," I thought. "Well, she'll be around later." Only half aware of the clean kitchen, I hastily started supper.

When the fragrance of cooking filled the kitchen, came a soft knock at the door. There stood teen-aged Juanita, vaguely self-conscious, with her dark eyes and features lighted by a strange smile. As I hastily counted out the change, she enumerated the usual tasks, mentioning in particular two or three things I'd made a point of reminding her about the time before.

"Shall I come next Saturday at a quarter after nine?"

"Yes." I thanked her, and closed the door as she went out into the deepening shadows of tall oaks and crimsoning dogwoods.

Supper over, things put away — I was sitting down to a few minutes of relaxation, and the usual Spanish papers to correct. Then, — what was that on the piano? A riot of color, red and rose zinnias, deep velvet dahlias, crowded primly into a "silver" vase, a carefully, lovingly molded piece of aluminum foil covering a plastic "All" bottle. Why? But why? And I had said nothing, had not noticed.

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Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 79.78
Eastern North Carolina Conference	25.00
Western North Carolina Conference	55.75
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	55.00
Total	$215.53

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Special Offerings

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Women's Adult Bible Class, United Church of Christ, Southern Pines, N. C.	10.00
First Congregational Church, Sunday School, Roanoke, Alabama	33.50
Wakefield Christian Church, Women's Fellowship, Wakefield, Virginia	10.00
Ladies' Bible Class, First Congregational Church, Henderson, N. C.	25.00
Memorial Gifts	
In Memory of Mrs. Gladys Kissam	
In Memory of Mr. Alton T. Crowell	
Total Memorial Gifts	10.00
Special Offerings	8.78
Total	97.28

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Total for the Week	$312.81

UNICEF

Facts & Fallacies

A booklet entitled "UNICEF — Facts and Fallacies" is available free from United States Committee for UNICEF (The United Nation's Children's Fund), United Nations, New York, for individuals and groups wishing factual information about this outstanding program.

Mr. C. Lloyd Bailey, Executive Director of the United States Committee for UNICEF, in this booklet, says:

> Each year shows a growing appreciation of and knowledge about UNICEF among the American people, yet a number of communities throughout the United States are still exposed to false and misleading statements about the United Nations Children's Fund and about the United States Committee for UNICEF.
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> Since 1958, however, the misleading statements of a single individual have sowed seeds of doubt and dissension among some of the less informed readers of his diatribes against UNICEF — not to mention those who, because of their basic opposition to the United Nations and to international cooperation, were eager to believe and to quote him without the benefit of factual investigation.
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> This effort to harm the world's greatest effort on behalf of needy children and mothers has resulted in a number of standard, unjustified charges and misstatements. Most of them are refuted in the following pages (of the booklet). More comprehensive documentation on the same issues is at the disposal of the reader and whoever else he feels might be interested.
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> The deliberate or reckless dissemination of misinformation about UNICEF is the more saddening as in the final resort it is sick and hungry children who suffer from such tactics.

Readers of **The Christian Sun** are encouraged to support this program, especially when the Trick or Treat for UNICEF visitors come to your home on Hallowe'en. Obtain a copy of this booklet for further information about this effort to minister to the children around the world who would otherwise be untouched by human compassion or Christian love.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

ABOUT CHIP

Dear Friends:

It hardly seems possible that another Thanksgiving-Christmas season is fast approaching. We have already sent to the ministers in our church requests for the amount of literature they will be needing. This will be forwarded to them the first of November. We are most anxious that our churches respond as generously as possible to our appeal.

In our letter to the ministers concerning the material, we suggested that those churches who had not completed their CHIP quota might like to take this Thanksgiving-Christmas season to do just that. While we need all the help we can get on our general funds, we also need to complete our CHIP quota. We still have an indebtedness of $11,400 against this campaign. If all the churches would complete their accepted quota, we could easily pay this amount off.

We would like to urge all of our churches who have a remaining balance on CHIP to make a special effort during the Thanksgiving-Christmas season to take care of this in full. We are certainly most happy for the fact that we have the three cottages that we have now. Had it not been for the CHIP campaign, the two cottages, Clyde Rudd and Montgomery, would not have been possible.

We are most pleased that almost all of the pledges made by individuals, business and industry have been paid in full. We wish very much that we could make the same statement about our churches. Therefore, we would like to urge our churches that have not completed their CHIP quota to do so that our churches will have just as good a record in this campaign as individuals, business and industry.

We shall be most grateful for all that is done for us in this Thanksgiving-Christmas season whether it be on CHIP or on our general fund.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

$113,941 Student Loans This Year

Some 290 college and seminary students preparing to enter the UCC ordained ministry or church related vocations have been awarded $113,941 by the National Student Aid Program of the Council for Church and Ministry. Awards are made on the basis of need. $44,338 will go to 117 college students, $69,603 to 173 seminary students. The Rev. George Nishimoto, administrator of the program, reports that many more equally worthy students had to be turned down because of the limited funds available. Application for aid is made through the association responsible for the student.

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NOTES FROM THE DESK

Tears Achieved

Through the window on the night,
While power poured its surging symphony behind,
Myriad lights gleamed sparkling bright below.

In ordered lines of blue-green gems,
Or patternlessly sprinkled on the velvet blackness
Of the earth, or flashing reds and whites bedecked.

The marks of man's achievements
Glimmered clearly as we passed.

Here came a complex brilliantly illumined,
With structures' massive walls erect;
There, briefly glimpsed, a lonely house and barn
With captured star aglow between.

Here, skimming from the moving mirror of a lake
The even-spacings of the street-lights' haloed orbs;
There bridges' graceful arches stand alight
While blacker blackness of a river passes by.

Ahead, beyond the curving edge of earth,
The glows of cities seen and unseen rise,
As artificial, superficial, sacrificial fires,
Ascending hazes of collected lights, reveal
Where men have gathered . . . where they are born,
Where they labor, where they love,
Where they suffer, where they die.

The marks of man's achievement
Glimmered clearly as we passed.

Then, with a sound long since ignored by those beneath,
The splotched incongruity of lights' battle
Against encompassing calmness is soon passed by.

The raucous, visual clamor of colors,
The neatly aisled rows, the large and the miniscule,
Fused once again into the haze of glowing civilization.

Like teardrops of a grieving God
The lights mark clearly where the minds of men
Have ordered, patterned, computed, and installed.

The shining tears remain,
Unabsorbed by man's achievements.

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Rev. Leon A. Dickinson

Guest Speaker

The Rev. Leon A. Dickinson of New York City is secretary for chaplains and religion and health of the Council for Church and Ministry of the United Church of Christ.

Mr. Dickinson joined the national staff of his denomination in 1962. He serves as the endorsing agent of the United Church of Christ for chaplains desiring to enter military and institutional chaplaincies. The endorsement of ministers for the chaplaincies is based upon standards of qualification which include professional training and experience, aptitude, and personal orientation.

He serves as the liaison between the United Church of Christ and the chaplain, serving the chaplain pastorally and professionally on behalf of his work and strengthening his association with the church.

A former Navy chaplain himself, Mr. Dickinson served from 1944 to 1946 on the battleship, USS Texas, in the Pacific area, including Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He served again in the Navy from 1950 to 1952, in the Far East and European area.

Mr. Dickinson is a member of the National Council of Churches' Department of Pastoral Services and Chaplains Committee for the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

He was community education advisor for the Firestone Plantations Company in Liberia, Africa, from 1957 to 1959 and pastor of the International Community Church of Tehran, Iran, from 1953 to 1956.

He has served pastorates in Kent, Waterbury, and Stamford, Connecticut; Wilton, Maine, and New Hyde Park, New York. A native of Deep River, Connecticut, he was graduated from the University of Vermont in 1936 and from Union Theological Seminary in 1939.

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?
/KJ

You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky; but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?
/RSV

You frauds! You know how to interpret the look of the earth and the sky. Why can't you interpret the meaning of the times in which you live?
/Phillips

The restlessness of the clouded sky before a sunset wind is naught compared to the disturbed uneasiness of mankind in our time. The increasingly troublesome outbreaks among young people in rebellion against the concealed hypocrisies of those of us who are adults sharply call attention to the turmoil of the day. No one remains isolated from change at any time, and when change is revolutionary or threatening, our involvement takes on a personal meaning. We can remain apart only by blind and complacent self-delusion.

Using knowledge only within the bounds of worldly concerns has long been a fetish. To fail to relate knowledge and faith, to fail to bring man's creatureliness into the wholeness of humanity created by God has been a part of our sinfulness. We eagerly separate faith from the rest of life. We hesitate to involve faith with social problems, or political issues, or economic needs, or leisure-time pursuits, or family relationships. Perhaps here is where the turmoil, the restlessness, the disturbing changes, and the nuisances are pointing . . . man has his meaning in God and in the faith-relationship to God which, for generation after generation, God has been seeking to strengthen for man's own good. In our increasingly complex collections of knowledge, in our sophistication, in our awareness of the universe in which we find ourselves, knowledge (in our fallacies of thought) has by-passed God Himself. Somehow He has been avoided. The time has come to relate Him to the wholeness of our lives. To bring Him into the turmoil . . . maybe even to see Him at work in it!

TIME TO SEE

by Noel L. Allen

Let's open our eyes to a world to see!
No obtuse, right, oblique, or acute;
The straighter lines are blinders to its grace —
To have good sight is nature's key!

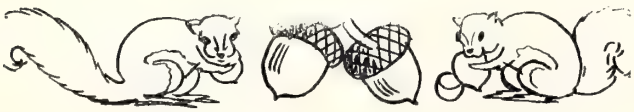
Oh, for time to stretch a glance into a stare
Of temple quiet praise and love
For birds' nests, butterflies, and ladybugs,
And all the rowdy rest of Nature's fair.

Old Man Time, I ask of you
To mark my hours in rays of sun
And billowed clouds and falling rain.
I'd keep my calendar by an autumn view.

I cry for a moment with a spider
Just to wonder at his work of art.
And but an hour with a sparrow
To whistle his song 'til my burdens are lighter.

I beg of the morning a little favor —
To feel its dew upon my brow,
Its cool, fresh trickle down my cheek,
And on my lips its sweetest flavor.

These senses dulled by tick and tock
Now must escape their padded cell
To reach and know and thrive within
The vaults of God's so wondrous stock.



LONG'S CHAPEL LAYMEN'S SUNDAY

Charlie Wyatt, Neil Carey, Kelly Whitfield, Clelon Wrenn, Donald Faulkner and Bobby King shared in the morning worship service at Long's Chapel United Church of Christ on October 10 in observance of Laymen's Sunday. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Donald D. Sledge.

LAITY SUNDAY AT ALTAMAHAW BETHLEHEM

Members of the Women's Fellowship and Men's Fellowship at Bethlehem Congregational Christian Church (UCC) shared in a special Laity Sunday Service on October 10. Those leading the service included: Irene Lee, Marvin Patterson, Nathan Simpson, Jamima Sutton, Richard Lashley, and Shirley Talbert.

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C. W. S. Fall Drive For Used Clothing

A truck from the Church World Service Center at New Windsor, Maryland, will pick up materials from the collection depots during the week of December 13-17, 1965. Usable clothing, shoes, and bedding intended for overseas relief should be left at one of these points prior to December 13th. The articles should be properly boxed or packed in duffle bags.

Churches should take note of the following collection points and take used clothing there prior to December 13th:

Burlington, N. C — Trinity Methodist Church, 2314 Maple Avenue

Durham, N. C. — St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 82 Kimberly Drive

Greensboro, N. C. — W. Market St. Methodist Church, 302 W. Market St.

Lexington, N. C. — First Methodist Church

Conover, N. C. — Trinity United Church of Christ

Reidsville, N. C. — New Laundry & Dry Cleaners, S. Scales Street

Winston-Salem, N. C. — Fraternity Church of the Brethren, Fraternity Rd., Route No. 158

Let us show our humanitarian concern for people around the world in need of good used clothing. Churchmen's Fellowship or Women's Fellowship groups may wish to take this project for the fall. We would encourage participation on the part of all churches.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Mark W. Andes

A Service of Installation for Rev. Mark W. Andes as minister of Edgewood United Church of Christ, Burlington, North Carolina, was held on Sunday, October 24, at 7:30 P. M.

Participants in the service included: Rev. Winfred Bray, Dr. Robert Kimball, Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Dr. W. J. Andes, Rev. Hiram Davis, Dr. Banks J. Peeler, and the choir of Edgewood United Church of Christ.

Ministers and members of churches in the Burlington area were invited to the Service of Installation. Rev. Mark W. Andes assumed the pastorate of the Edgewood Church on August 1st. He was formerly pastor of the Congregational United Church of Christ, Winchester, Virginia.

Becoming A Member Of The United Church of Christ

A four-page folder for use by local churches in evangelism provides space for personal and family information, interests, and former church-relationships. This resource may be ordered from Central Distribution Service, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Penna. 19102, at a cost of 45 cents per dozen. Order number is HM-E-0565r 15M.

O. C. W. M. APPORTIONMENT 1965

Churches of the Southern Convention are reminded of the urgency to complete apportionment goals in full for 1965. Apportionments for the remainder of this year should be sent to the Southern Convention Office as usual.

With the formation of the Southern Conference, it was understood and agreed that each of the three consolidating church bodies would complete its work for the remainder of 1965. Budget and mission obligations depend upon the faithfulness of each church to complete its apportionment in full for the remainder of this year.

The need for O.C.W.M. support for the Southern Convention and Our Christian World Mission obligations should rest heavily on the hearts of Treasurers and Churches of the Southern Convention. The transition process should not cripple our support for Our Christian World Mission.

This is a testing time for the loyalty of our churches during a period of transition. Our stewardship obligations for apportionment were determined on the basis of budget needs for the calendar year 1965. The success of our mission in North Carolina and Virginia and around the world awaits the loyal support of our churches for the remainder of this calendar year.

Elon College, Elon Home for Children, the Conference and Convention work, and the mission activities of the instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ would be seriously handicapped if any default in full payment of apportionment for 1965 would result from our transition process.

Treasurers are reminded to remit apportionment to the Southern Convention Office, Elon College, North Carolina, for the remainder of the year 1965. Any changes in the direction of our apportionment remittances will be made known at the proper time to Treasurers of local churches, ministers, and churches. **Because so much depends on our loyal stewardship support through apportionment, let us be faithful in our stewardship.**

Your Superintendent would be personally pleased if each church of the Southern Convention would join the honor roll of churches with apportionment paid in full for 1965. Please make your Church one of the Honor Roll Churches with Apportionment paid in full for 1965! We would be most grateful, and Our Christian World Mission would be the better able to meet the challenge for a Christian witness during these crisis days.

Clyde L. Fields

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

Church Relief Program

A comprehensive program to aid refugees in Vietnam was one of a broad spectrum of relief programs reported by Church World Service to the first Assembly of the newly organized Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches. The three-day sessions brought together some 500 U. S. missionaries and CWS relief workers Oct. 3-5 in Nashville, Tenn.

The stark statistics of misery and need caused by the war in Vietnam, border clashes in India and West Pakistan, and drought, famine and flood in other world areas were presented to the Assembly. To them were added victims of the eruption of the volcano Taal in the Philippines.

Under the proposed plan to aid refugees in Vietnam, CWS reported it will recruit immediately 30 Christian doctors, nurses and other specialists **to mount a dynamic, humanitarian American presence among the Vietnamese people.** An emergency fund of $250,000 is needed, said CWS, to strengthen existing aid programs and to provide for recruiting an additional 300 specialists by the U. S. voluntary agencies to serve in South Vietnam.

Announcing the program, CWS executive director James MacCracken emphasized the churches' concern to aid war victims on both sides of the conflict. In the north, he said, it was hoped that the East Asia Christian Conference could set up relief operations which CWS was prepared to help financially.

A report from the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service of the World Council of Churches showed that at least $20,000 is required to meet needs for medical supplies, food, bedding, etc. by Christian mission hospitals in North Vietnam and northern India. Initial funds in equal amounts have been forwarded, including $2,250 to India to match the amount already sent to West Pakistan by Church World Service.

Mr. MacCracken also told the Assembly that CWS is now on a 24-hour alert to meet a new wave of refugees from Cuba, following Castro's permission for them to leave. Interviews are already begun, he said, to increase the agency's staff in Miami in anticipation of handling a heavy load of arrivals in the near future.

Life's Basic Values

"True brotherhood of all men became a reality."

Sunday started as a quiet day with just a few patients in the morning, but at four in the afternoon I was called out in the snow to a nearby village, by two boys who had walked for three hours to get me. I carry three bags on village calls. One contains equipment for examinations, a few drugs, and injectibles. The other bags are my "drug store."

Our worker, Salih, the village "doctor," had seen most of the patients so I had to examine only the most serious cases. In a short while all of my medicine was exhausted and I agreed to take the most critically ill child back to the clinic for our "last try," hoping to keep it alive. Two other mothers rushed up and begged that we take their two babies along for examination and treatment in Talas. Finally, Salih, the three sick children and their parents, and I piled into the Landrover and drove to the clinic.

We arrived at 9 p.m., examined the children who had pneumonia, and put the critically ill baby in our makeshift humidifier, giving it liquids and medication on a regular schedule. In spite of our efforts, at 2:25 a.m., the child died. It was snowing too hard to find the road easily, so I slept for a few hours. Then I drove the families and the corpse back to the village and was back at work by 8 a.m. in the clinic.

The sequel to the above story took place this morning in the clinic. A father and mother brought in their child seriously ill with pneumonia. As we were examining the child in our baby room, which also serves as our one bed "hospital," the father in a warm, but almost cracking voice asked if I remembered a cold winter night about a year before when his son had died in this very room. He went on to say that he never would forget seeing us treat his child with the same love, care and concern with which we would have treated our own children. He said that on that night his and my heart were joined together for all time. I became aware that this man was exhibiting a sensitivity that I in my busy "doctoring" life had missed. He realized that for a fleeting moment as we shared in the struggle for his child, life had been reduced to basic values where the true brotherhood of all men became a reality.

Excerpts from the Annual Report of
Talas-Nute Clinic — **Dr. Warren Winkler**

History & Program — The United Church Of Christ

A new 48-page booklet entitled **United Church of Christ — History and Program** is fresh off the presses for use by local church groups. This resource is an up-to-date presentation of the background of the denomination of which we are a part, the instrumentalities constituting its working arms, and a commentary on the statement of faith. Here is the table of contents:

- **What Our Name Signifies**
- **A History of the United Church**
  - **The Congregational Churches**
  - **The Christian Churches**
  - **The Congregational and Christian Union**
  - **The Evangelical and Reformed Church**
  - **The Reformed Church in the U. S.**
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- **Council for Lay Life and Work**
- **The Stewardship Council**
- **Office of Communication**
- **Pension Boards**
- **Chart of the United Church of Christ**

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The Eastern Virginia P F Rally

The Suffolk Christian Church was the scene for the Fall Rally of the Eastern Virginia PF on October 3. More than 300 young people and adult leaders shared in the Hootenanny that afternoon. The above picture shows a small portion of the group seated on the floor of the fellowship hall of the church. Individuals and groups provided folk singing for the entertainment of the group. Refreshments were served following whole group singing and a business session conducted by the president, Joe Simmons. The afternoon program closed with worship led by the Rev. L. Bill Simmons.

Re-union Of Eastern North Carolina P. F. Districts Underway

At their joint October 17 meeting at Clayton Christian Church, the Raleigh, Henderson and Sanford groups present indicated their willingness to share together in an Eastern North Carolina Pilgrim Fellowship. Previously three groups were representative of the area. Once each year the districts would meet together. During the year districts would hold meetings on the district basis.

Officers for the Eastern North Carolina PF will be elected from among the executive board members. This board is composed of three young people and one adult advisor from each district. Coordination in emphases and programming will be more effective in the new arrangement. Final plans will be made for the ENC PF when each district's executive board representatives meet together to work out next year's goals. For the Raleigh District these representatives are: Carol Holleman, Betty Fuquay, Pat Barbour, and Mr. Oscar Stephenson. For Sanford District: Susan Pell, Janice Langston, Joan Reed, and Mrs. H. C. McLaney.

**SEND P.F. APPORTIONMENT GIFTS
TO
YOUR CONFERENCE P.F. TREASURER**

Who Uses Moonelon?

During the period of time **from April 23 until October 10,** Moonelon Center was being used by church-related groups for all or a part of 82 days. Every weekend except two during that time saw activity at our camp and conference center outside of Elon College.

Included in the groups who made use of the facilities were the following: the Mt. Zion Baptist Association; Shallowford Girl Scout troop; First Christian Church of Burlington PF; United Church Student group from Elon College; the 8th grades of Elon College public school; the NCVa PF rally in the spring and again in the fall; Edgewood UCC families outing; WNC PF rally in the spring; Southern Conference camp staff training; the Elon Community Swim classes; Haw River UCC picnic; Berea UCC outing; Providence UCC of Graham outing; Burlington Women's Club; Elon College Community Church picnic; Bethlehem UCC of Altamahaw outing; Congregational UCC junior high and senior high PF groups and the choir; Southern Convention Mission Board Training Sessions for Breakthrough; Baptist Student Union of Chapel Hill.

In addition to these groups were the regular seven weeks of camping, the Vocations Retreat and the Conference Officers' Retreat sponsored annually by the Southern Convention.

Most of the work for the non-camp functions is carried on by the resident manager for Moonelon, **the Rev. Guy Veazey, and his wife.** They are well known for their meals and for looking after the needs of those who use the facilities. Their efforts are appreciated by all who have had a chance to sample their hospitality.

The Stewardship Of Discipline

In the sense that we look upon discipline today, the meaning is not translated as adherence to a rule or law. It is the self-imposition of personal acts as a result of our being attracted toward a goal. For example, we might want to learn the twenty-third Psalm for the comfort it affords us, to study Deuteronomy for its revelation of basic religious law, or to read the New Testament for the Christian interpretations. This is one basic discipline.

Another discipline would be the imposition of certain requirements on applicants for membership in a church. These disciplines are usually taught in pastoral membership classes for young people just prior to their acceptance into the membership. The scope of these instructions varies from denomination to denomination and from church to church. They are one discipline we impose on others as a condition to their church membership.

A third, and most important discipline, is the one we impose on ourselves. This originates from a desire for individual Christian justification. It may include personal prayer, church attendance, Bible study, and practice of Christian integrity. It is perhaps the most difficult discipline, but the most rewarding one. We must practice it ourselves, and in no way can others assist us except possibly in words of encouragement. Its true expression would come when we "step up for Jesus Christ."

—From **The Spire**
South Congregational Church
New Britain, Conn.

Christian Education...

Critics within and outside of the walls of the church have, for several years, been aiming their barbs in the direction of institutionalized religion. With a certain degree of accuracy they have pointed out religion's shortcomings to those of us comfortably established in the midst of the religious community.

It is wise and helpful to evaluate the criticisms, for these individuals, in a very real way, are reflecting the attitudes of a large portion of society toward the church. What is being said by the vocalizing few is probably in the minds of more than a few others.

If it were possible and desirable to pinpoint all of the charges against the religious community — the church — they would become focused at an acutely painful and vulnerable fact. **The fact is that the church is not witnessing as effectively as it could to our Lord and the gospel of Jesus Christ in this contemporary culture.** This statement of condition has several corollaries.

A common practice in our society of rapidly growing church-building expenditures and ecumenicity is **the substitution of religion for faith.** This may or may not be the result of confusion. It may be deliberate. This deliberateness may stem from the realization that it is far easier to be religious than it is to be a person of faith. The forms, the piety, and the habitual responses of religiousness lend themselves well to socially-acceptable Christian complacency.

The **compartmentalization of religion** further develops this same attitude. Religion becomes a matter for a limited segment of our time and consciousness. It does not permeate the other segments: social, economic, recreational, family, vocational, and the rest. It is as though we have been successful at imprisoning our religious consciousness within an insulated and isolated chunk of life.

The result of this confusion of religion and faith, and the compartmentalization of religion, has been to increase **the total irrelevancy of things religious to life.** Here is where the critics really bite in . . . they have discovered that in spite of our piousness, our forms, our habits of being religious, we have failed to make our religion relevant to the wholeness of life.

THE TASKS

From this perspective of the religious condition of our culture, certain needs become apparent in terms of the tasks of Christian Education. For one, our educational mission must include provisions for **the growth of individuals in their relationship to God.** This is not the same as increasing individuals' relationship to the religious institution. It is quite possible to do the latter without ever doing the former. Presumably doing the former includes also doing the latter, however. Because individuals become active in their relationship to the church does not automatically assure their improved relationships with God, though it is tempting to suppose this is the case.

A second task of Christian Education is to help individuals **develop responsible relationships with other individuals.** Responsible relationships go beyond the support of world missions. Responsibility begins where we are face-to-face with immediate needs and problems. As was the case with relating to the church and God, participation in the missionary effort of a religious fellowship is not a substitute for responsibly engaging in relationships with those with whom we come in contact every day of our lives.

A third task is to help individuals **become whole persons.** The church is called to minister as the Christ ministered: to body, mind and spirit. We are not **spiritual** in the sense that we deny any responsibility for the physical or intellectual nurture of individuals. Man is created as a whole person . . . his faith must extend throughout his wholeness and have relevancy for his whole life.

RELEVANT TOOLS

In terms of curriculum, these three tasks mean direct and creative use of individual potentialities to learn and a significant understanding of the needs of individuals where they are. Paul Goodman, in **Growing Up Absurd,** suggests that the purpose of education (and this applies to Christian Education as well as secular education) is to give information as a basic part of the students' nature and second nature so that he can use it creatively, and according to his own individuality.

Consider, as examples of what this might mean, some of the titles of courses in the curriculum used by our denomination.

UNDERSTANDING OURSELVES (LJ I-1)
THE CHRISTIAN IN THE WORLD (SH I-1)

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During the past few years, about forty individuals within the Southern Conference area have been regularly, responsibly and effectively engaged in the interpretation of our educational mission to local churches and groups of churches in workshops. The persons worked as Christian Education Associates, CEA's.

When the new curriculum materials began to become a reality, the national CEA program was instituted largely for the interpretation of these new tools. CEA's received special training for this work. Over the past three or four years they have shared in more than five hundred age group training sessions for church school teachers, vacation church school teachers, and in general workshops for Church School Conventions and specialized consultations. Without their efforts, the educational standards for many of our churches would not have developed and matured as they have.

With the start of the Southern Conference in January, there will be an increasing demand for trained leadership. For this reason, individuals who have a genuine interest for the educational mission, and who are willing to share in training experiences for themselves and others, are being invited to become a part of this fellowship — Christian Education Associates. If you have such an interest, further information may be obtained from Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

..Creative And Relevant

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH OTHERS (K I-S)
APPROACHING CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE (SH I-S)
IN QUEST OF MY VOCATION (SH II-S)

These suggest a direction which moves along the lines given in the tasks for Christian Education: becoming a whole person and responsibly relating to others.

Growing in relationship to God, in a faith relationship rather than just a religious relationship, is stimulated by the centrality of the Bible for the teaching materials. The relevancy of biblical truths to contemporary culture is a key to our response to critics of the institutional religious community. In four ways the Bible serves as the relevant testimony to God's truth for our time.

The first has already been intimated. The three tasks of Christian Education (growing in relationship to God; developing responsible relationships with others; becoming whole persons) are based on a response made by Jesus to an inquiry which asked for the greatest commandment. His reply was: love your God with your whole being (heart, soul, mind and strength), and love your fellowman as you love yourself. In these commandments the tasks of Christian Education have their mandate.

As Jesus used parables to illustrate God's truths for his time, so also the curriculum uses **biblical truths in contemporary stories and parables,** following his example. He found this a sound way to communicate what he had to say as he witnessed; we need to use the same method for witnessing where we are.

Within the teaching tools there are abundant **references to biblical ideas and passages** which are for the teacher and student to search out and use. Only infrequently can we find whole blocks of scripture printed in the curriculum resources themselves. The reason for this is a simple one: there is a need to develop an ability to pick up the Bible itself and make use of it. "Canned" Bible, that is passages in the curriculum itself, cuts down on the need to do this kind of manual exercise.

Finally, biblical relevancy is emphasized by the courses which are almost entirely centered on a biblical concern. Examples of these courses may be found throughout the curriculum: PARABLES OF JESUS; JESUS THE CHRIST; A LIFE OF JESUS; JESUS OF NAZARETH; STORIES OF JESUS; WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?; MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER; PEOPLE WHO KNEW GOD; PEOPLE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT; GOD'S RESTLESS SERVANTS; GOD SPEAKS THROUGH THE BIBLE; OUR BIBLICAL HERITAGE; THE PASTORAL EPISTLES.

VALUES

If we were to seek three descriptive terms to describe the thrust of our curriculum, we might come up with these: FAITH-STIMULATING . . . these are tools planned age level by age level to encourage growth in faith. Religious growth is one part of this, not the whole thing.

RESPONSE-ENCOURAGING: . . . these tools make use of teaching methods which draw out responses from students. Passive and immobile listeners are not the hope for this curriculum. The hope is to involve students in sharing ideas and experiences. Through this sharing will come several things: increased ability to communicate faith-centered ideas; appreciation for the ideas of others; and vitality and freshness in the beliefs being formulated as relevant responses to life.

DEPTH-DIGGING . . . these are not superficially attractive tools. They are tools for use in probing life and faith's relationship to life. They are tools designed to encourage growth in **both** leader and students. They cannot be used without adequate preparation, nor can **faith** be used without adequate preparation. Their standards are high and they require dedication and self-giving by those seeking to witness through their use.

EFFECTIVE WITNESS

What are the fruits of the accomplished tasks for Christian Education? **We began by suggesting that the church's failure has been one of being unable to witness as effectively as it could to our Lord and the gospel of Jesus Christ in this contemporary culture.** Certain corollaries were given along with this suggestion.

The fruits of sound Christian Education include these: continuing growth in response to God at every age level including adulthood; developing the ability to hear Jesus Christ speak to us where we are and where we ought to be; meaningfully sharing in the mission of the church, which is to say **that because of us an effective witness will be made for God and the Christ by the proclamation of our relevant and life-influencing gospel.**

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tional Mission

During the coming months and years, the CEA fellowship will be getting involved in broader avenues of Christian education. The task of interpreting the new curriculum has now become one of working with local churches on an individualized basis according to particular needs. Now it remains to continue training teachers and leaders in age group understanding, teaching techniques, and to provide for them inspirational experiences which will help them in their personal religious lives. Other areas of concern also seem to be likely places for CEA work: creative activities, missionary education, facility development, the youth ministry, family life.

The CEA fellowship is made up of both ministers and lay persons, men and women. Training for the responsibilities which come with membership in this fellowship usually comes once or twice a year in addition to regular area meetings. Materials are provided for study. Each CEA indicates his or her interest in a particular age group (nursery, kindergarten, primary, lower junior, junior, junior high, middle high, senior high, adult) and within the context of that choice continues to develop leadership skills. As the fellowship branches out, members will have an opportunity to select from other kinds of groupings which will be worked out subsequently.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Community Involvement

Dear Friends:

Recently we took inventory of the participation of our children in our local church, community and school. What we came up with was most pleasing. In our church our boys and girls participate in all of the programs. For instance in the month of October, two of our boys, Lee West and John Pruette, were acolytes. During this month also Billy Jo Lambert was one of the ushers.

In the Senior Youth Fellowship, the President Bobby Byrd is from our Home as well as the secretary, Billy Joe Lambert. Two of the Commission Chairmen are also from our Home. They are Ava Turner, Faith Commission; and Donald Cowan, Fellowship Commission.

In the public schools, we have always encouraged our children to participate in extra-curricular activities. Besides the various sports in their particular seasons, our boys and girls participate in various other activities such as Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers of America and various civic clubs. Ronnie Skipper this year is President of the Western High School Student Body. He is also Co-Editor of the annual. Lee West is President of the Freshman Class. Ava Turner is the head cheerleader for the Jayvee's. Our own son, Wesley, is President of the Senior Class. It makes us quite happy that our boys and girls participate to this extent in the activities away from the Home.

We are quite pleased that in our community our boys and girls are accepted in the fine way that they are. To the best of our knowledge, they are accepted as any other children and are given the same opportunities. For this we are certainly most grateful. Our local church, the Elon Community Church, the Elon Elementary School, Western Alamance High School and the entire community of Elon College are certainly to be commended for the fine way they give our boys and girls an opportunity to participate and to develop.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

Apportionment giving totals through October 31 will be published early in November — Please have your gifts in so they may be included.

REPORT FOR OCTOBER 4, 1965

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Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 63.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	14.00
Western North Carolina Conference	10.00
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	186.83
Total	$ 273.83

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Special Offerings

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New Hope Christian Church, Wadley, Alabama	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McLelland, Burlington, N. C.	10.00
Sharpe & Jones, Inc., Burlington, N. C.	50.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. Dallas McLennan	
Total Memorial Gifts	5.00
Special Offerings	1,195.40
Total	$1,270.40

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Total for the Week	$1,54423

THE AUTUMN SPIRIT

With the beginning of Autumn, school in session and vacations over, it is time for us to think about another side of life . . . that of the spirit. What about our spiritual life? How are we living? What kind of life do we follow? What use do we make of it?

The first Psalm gives a clear view of what righteous men and evil men are like. It notes in the first three verses the description of the righteous man, and the evil man in the final three verses.

The righteous man avoids the way of life which begins with doubt and godless activity. The important point is that he avoids a life which progresses to an intentional continued existence apart from God. Thus, the writer was probably aware that we all have moments of doubt and despair, and moments of sinful existence; but the matter we want to avoid is allowing these occasional actions to become patterns of life in which we no longer love and trust in God.

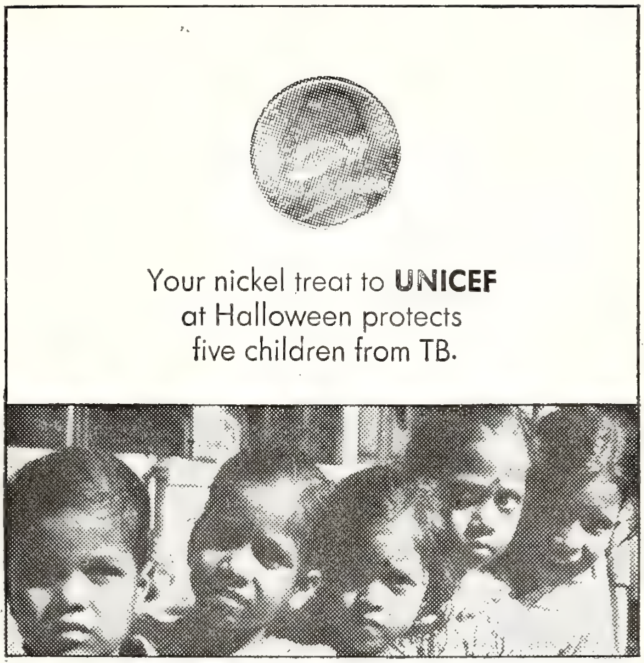
If we allow such to happen we become like the valueless "chaff which the wind drives away," and are not like the flourishing "tree planted by streams of water." Indeed, we will stand outside the knowledge of God and His concern.

—Rev. Collie Seymour
Shallow Well Messenger

The Educational Mission Of Our Church — Shinn

FOR SALE — Copies of this basic resource in Christian education are available from the former Southern Convention office for $1.00 (current price is $1.50). Include additional 25 cents for postage if ordered by mail. Write Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

Support Trick Or Treat For UNICEF



Your nickel treat to **UNICEF**
at Halloween protects
five children from TB.

'E' FOR 'EMERGENCY'

As acronyms come these days, **UNICEF** is one of the most popular — and one of the most difficult to interpret. The first two letters stand for United Nations — so far, so good. The C and the F represent Children's Fund, this much is generally known. But how about the I and the E?

To complicate matters even more, the most superficial research reveals that the organization's name is, in effect, **United Nations Children's Fund** — which leaves a surplus of two initials.

PHASE ONE INSUFFICIENT

Things become more clear when it is realized that the Fund, now the world's greatest international organization (that's the 'I') exclusively devoted to the welfare of children, began in 1946 with a single, straight-forward purpose. The 'E' in its name stood for 'Emergency' — it had been created, on the initiative of former Presidents Hoover and Truman, to save young lives in the immediate aftermath of World War II. Food, shelter, clothing, medicine were urgently needed, and were provided on an emergency basis. **UNICEF** concentrated on this type of 'first-aid' rescue work for the first five years of its existence.

But when the emergency that had brought it into being ended, **UNICEF** found it impossible to terminate its activities. The world, and its conscience would not allow it to dissolve because too many other children, in other parts of the world, were just as needy as the pitiful little war victims had been — although for vastly different reasons.

FIFTEEN YEARS OF GROWTH

Instead of retiring, **UNICEF** moved out of Europe and into the world's under-developed areas where three out of four of all children are born. Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America needed such help. For the next fifteen years, **UNICEF** (which had acquired its present, abbreviated name) and the developing countries grew together.

In these years, **UNICEF** did not only develop in size, to the extent that in 1966 it will assist over 540 programs in 118 countries, but also in scope and in depth of purpose. It no longer spent all of its energies providing relief to offset the results of natural or man-made disaster, but it endeavored to conquer some of the basic causes which endanger, weaken, cripple and stunt children. The most immediate and alarming of these problems were wide-spread hunger and disease. **UNICEF** launched campaigns to help countries attack endemic diseases — tuberculosis, malaria, trachoma, yaws, leprosy — and malnutrition.

The idea, however, was not to provide emergency handouts of medicine and food. Rather, **UNICEF** supplied the equipment, and, on a temporary basis, the technical help to enable the developing nations to set up permanent programs for their children.

NEW STEP AHEAD

In many areas where **UNICEF** worked, the death rate for newborns was drastically cut. In some countries, leprosy, malaria and yaws were almost entirely wiped out. People looked forward with new hope to the time when long-dreaded scourges, toward which they had developed a fatalistic attitude, would become extinct historical curiosities.

As **UNICEF** continued to grow, it moved beyond its original concentration on the curing of disease and the relief of hunger, to establish programs to prevent these evils. It equipped plants to produce DDT, penicillin and vitamin capsules. It helped develop modern dairies, and clear water supplies. It provided seeds, garden tools, and other supplies to help grow more varied and nutritious foods.

Then, in 1961, **UNICEF** took another major step ahead. This time it broadened its scope "to meet not only the physical needs of children and youth, but also their intellectual, vocational and emotional needs," as its Executive Board put it. Having established that more than half of the world's school-age children have no schools to go to, **UNICEF** began equipping classrooms, helping to train new teachers, attacking the educational deficiencies which are the underlying cause of many other problems.

MANKIND'S GREATEST RESOURSE

The main emphasis, however, remains on the fight against childhood's two major enemies: hunger and disease. Although the word 'Emergency' has disappeared from **UNICEF's** name, emergencies have not vanished from the world. Tens of millions of infants, youths and teenagers are still the hapless victims of illness and malnutrition. So far, through all its relentless work in more than 100 countries, **UNICEF** has been able to reach effectively only one needy child out of ten.

Children are mankind's most valuable natural resource. They are the future of the world. If they grow up weakened, diseased and ignorant, the future — not theirs only, but everyone's — will be filled with suffering and fear, with bitterness and hate. **UNICEF** is determined to defeat the misery of the 900 million children in the developing countries — for 900 million very important reasons.

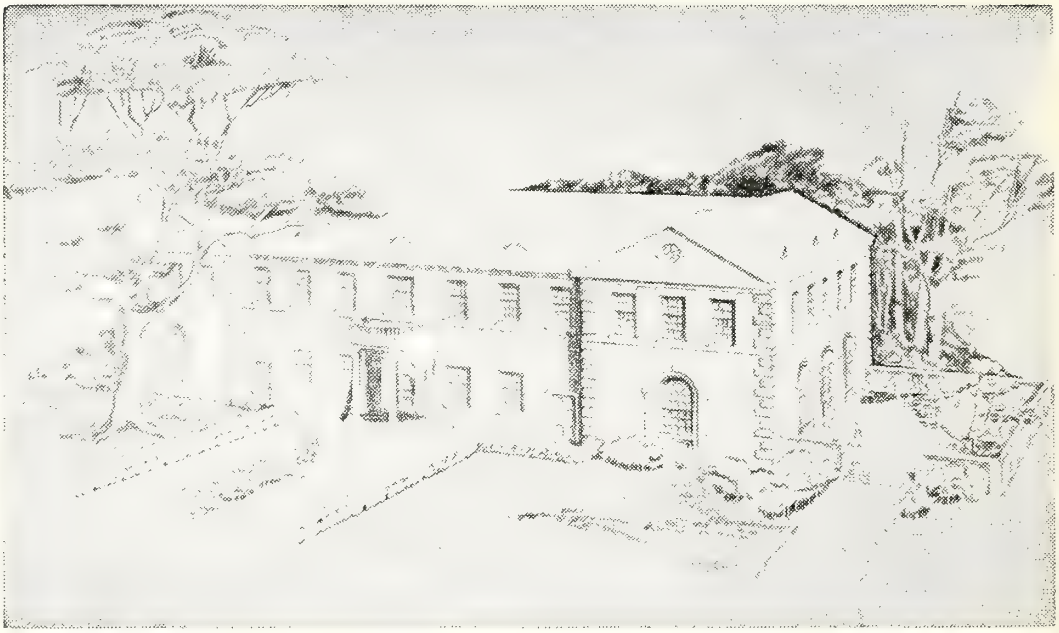
A SOUND INVESTMENT

This may be worth bearing in mind, at a time when swarms of our own happy, noisy children are getting ready to embark once again on their annual **Trick or Treat for UNICEF** campaign. They will dress up in traditional costumes, and jingle their orange and black half-pint milk cartons. They will ask us for pennies, nickels, and dimes.

Every coin we drop in their **UNICEF** collection cartons will be a sound investment in the future.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

The Proposed Student Center



Construction of a new student center, which will house varied student and campus activities, will begin on the Elon College campus in November, according to an announcement made today by Dr. J. E. Danieley, president of the college.

The new student center, which will be located just south of the Alamance Building and near the center of Elon's walled campus, will be financed through a loan of $274,000 from the Housing and Home Finance Agency of the federal government.

The structure, which is to be in traditional architectural design to harmonize with other buildings on Elon's campus, will be two stories in height and will provide space for the college book store, the student health services and the student post office boxes.

It will also furnish rooms for the Student Government Association and the student publications such as the newspaper, annual and literary magazine, along with a snack shop, campus lounge, television rooms, music listening rooms, conference rooms and recreation rooms.

The student center, which is scheduled for completion in time for use in September 1966, will make possible the renovation for academic purposes of the space now being used in Mooney Building for the book store, snack shop and lounge as well as the space being used for a meeting room in Alamance Building and for Student Government offices in the Carlton Building.

Randleman First UCC Homecoming

The First United Church of Christ of Randleman had a homecoming celebration October 24. This special occasion gave particular emphasis to the 75th anniversary of the church. The Rev. Jimmy J. Norred, pastor of the church, offered the morning message.

A picnic lunch was held in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a service at 2:00 with the Rev. Dr. Clyde L. Fields as guest speaker and with former ministers sharing in the service.

WINDSOR LAITY SERVICE

The Women's Fellowship of the Windsor Christian Church sponsored a Laity Sunday Service on October 10 under the leadership of the president, Mrs. E. R. Laine. Participants in the worship service included Mr. Robert C. Claud, Mrs. L. H. Whitley, Mrs. Thomas Alphin, Mr. Jim O'Briant, Mrs. Robert Alphin, Mr. Dow M. Keeling, Mrs. Troy B. Willis, Mrs. Wilson Eley Holland. The morning message by Mrs. Holland was **Mr. Missionary, How You Have Changed!**

THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM

BY JOHN G. TRUITT

"Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem." Acts 11:22

Now here are five verses (22-26) from the archives of the early church which speak volumes to us of the church today. "Tidings of these things"! What things? The church was bursting over into the Gentiles. The followers of Christ found themselves preaching the Good News, and behold, even Gentiles were also hearing their story, so reads verse 20 and 21: ". . . spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus, and the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed and turned unto the Lord."

"Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch." The Jerusalem Christian Jews forgot their "Jewness," and remembered Jesus as one who loved, and died for all! The tidings were: You know what, the Greeks heard about our Lord Jesus; and the hand of the Lord was with our persecuted and fleeing members, "and the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord"!

(1) They heard the news, their ears were open, they were thrilled.

(2) They sent their good and wise Barnabas to Antioch.

(3) There he saw the grace of God and was glad.

(4) He exhorted them all "that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord."

(5) "And much people were added unto the Lord."

(6) No emphasis is laid on the sermon, but "he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and faith." The exhortations were good, the man was good, and his faith was rewarded with the power of the Holy Spirit. I like that phrase: "For he was a good man"! Don't we all like that! I suspect the man was more than half the sermon! Ready to be, ready to go, ready to preach! Amen.

The Depth Of Ecumenicity

While it is true that ecumenical leaders in the churches are all urging their members to break out of the narrow limits of their denominational traditions and accept with joy the truth that other Christian traditions have cherished and preserved, it is a complete misunderstanding of the ecumenical movement to suppose that it would sacrifice truth for tolerance or substitute some wishy-washy compromise for the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ of the one, holy catholic Church. The ecumenical faith that is being pressed upon all Christian people during these revolutionary days is not any easy faith consisting of multicultural good will and tolerance. (But) I find to my horror that, despite anything I say, most Christians seem to suppose that I am preaching a watered-down gospel which almost any rational man of good will, with a Christian bias or prejudice, can accept. This is the most common misunderstanding of the ecumenical movement.

—The Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Stated Clerk
United Presbyterian Church, USA, in a sermon
at The Riverside Church, New York City

ON THE EDGE

The Homecoming Service at **Amelia United Church of Christ, Clayton,** was held on September 26. The service centered around six main statements about the church: A Divine Institution; Her Confession of Faith; Our Prayer for Her; An Holy Institution; Our Support of Her; and Enlisting in Her Service. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Joe A. French.

Harvest Festival at **Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ at Gibsonville** was a resounding success under the leadership of Mrs. Daisy Pritchett. Reported proceeds, all bills paid, amounted to $1,073.82.

The Rev. William T. Joyner, pastor of the **First United Church of Christ in Portsmouth,** has an article in the most recent issue of the **United Church Herald.** It is entitled **Altitude, Speed and Religion.**

Mr. Frank Clapp, Executive Secretary for our United Church Retirement Home in the Southern Conference, was the guest speaker at **Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville** on October 24.

The Churchmen's Fellowship Fall Meeting was held at **St. Mark's United Church of Christ** on October 24. The church is located outside of Burlington near Elon College. This is the Eastern District section of the Fellowship. The program was concerned with "The Conference" and was presented by the Rev. G. Melvin Palmer, president of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The Rev. Odell Powell, pastor of **Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ** at Gibsonville recently spent several days in the hospital. Mr. Jerry Moore, Elon College student, supplied the pulpit during his absence.

Mr. Arnold Cattip, Peace Corps member with service in Morocco, was the guest speaker for a Sunday morning Laymen's Fellowship Breakfast at **Monticello United Church of Christ, Browns Summit,** on October 3.

The Women's Fellowship of the **Elon College Community Church** recently completed a project to dress eighteen dolls for use at Christmas-time in the Burlington Christmas Cheer program for children.

What's New in Gospel Tracts?

A series of delightful and to-the-heart-of-the-matter pamphlets are available for use in local churches. These tracts cover a variety of subjects relative to man's relationship to God, to the church, and to others, as well as his self-image in the light of the gospel.

These brief and attractive pamphlets are written by Dr. J. B. Phillips, British Theologian and translator of the **New Testament in Modern English.** They are planned to reach the average unbeliever in terms he will find meaningful and stimulating.

To see a complete set of these tracts, send $1.00 to Peak Productions, Peak Building, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901. This will bring you 46 different tracts.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

The Charge Of The Light Brigade

The latest fund-raising campaign for missions at our East Burlap Church was quite enlightening. They sold light bulbs. It pointed up exceptionally well how successfully such a campaign can turn out when there has been adequate planning and an insistence on high standards.

In preparing for the drive, the C.O.L.D. (Committee On Light Distribution) arranged for thorough groundwork to insure smooth operation. Training sessions with the children who would make door-to-door sales were conducted during church school hours for four weeks in advance. The EBR (Every Bulb Replacement) Visitations by the deacons were preceded by instruction in proper approaches to families in their homes. Small group discussions were held at every age level from juniors on up to adults. The subject for the discussions was "The Value of Adequate Lighting." Special sessions were offered for vocational salesmanship for those who would bring cartons of bulbs to their places of employment.

From the start, the C.O.L.D. established a firm biblical foundation for the campaign. Fortunately the Bible contains a multitude of references to light (Cf. Genesis 1:3-4; Psalm 97:11) which place in proper perspective the spiritual values inherent in such a fund-raising drive.

The committee also pointed out that "such a commonly ordinary everyday thing like a light bulb would serve regularly as a constant beacon reminding people of the church." As an extra-added feature, along this line of thought, in place of the brand name on each bulb were the words "So let your light shine before men ..." in a choice of old English or ecclesiastical script lettering.

A significant part of the whole campaign was the emphasis on "giving the people something for their dollars (the bulbs sold for $5.00 a dozen)." The previous year's chairman had operated under the notion that people would share generously in the campaign by virtue of the fact that it was being carried on for the missions work of the church. In keeping with this unrealistic philosophy, nothing was given to the people in exchange for their gifts. Pictures of hungry children, of tin-can shacks, and of slum-conditions in urban areas were distributed and displayed to encourage support of the project. Last year's campaign for missions, as a result, was about as it had been in past years under the same kind of motivation.

When the final results had been tabulated following this year's drive, a total of $4,210 had been contributed. After expenses, the East Burlap Church had raised $2,105 for missions. Compared to the preceding year, this represented an increase of about 837%.

In addition to the general rules for conducting the campaign --- biblical basis, reminding people regularly of the church, and giving them something for their money --- the final rule had to do with the nature of the product involved. It was not to be controversial in any way. And, after all, what could be less controversial than a bunch of 400 watt light bulbs?

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Worldwide Bible Reading

November 25 — December 25

More than 20 million persons all over the world will participate this year in the Worldwide Bible Reading program of the American Bible Society.

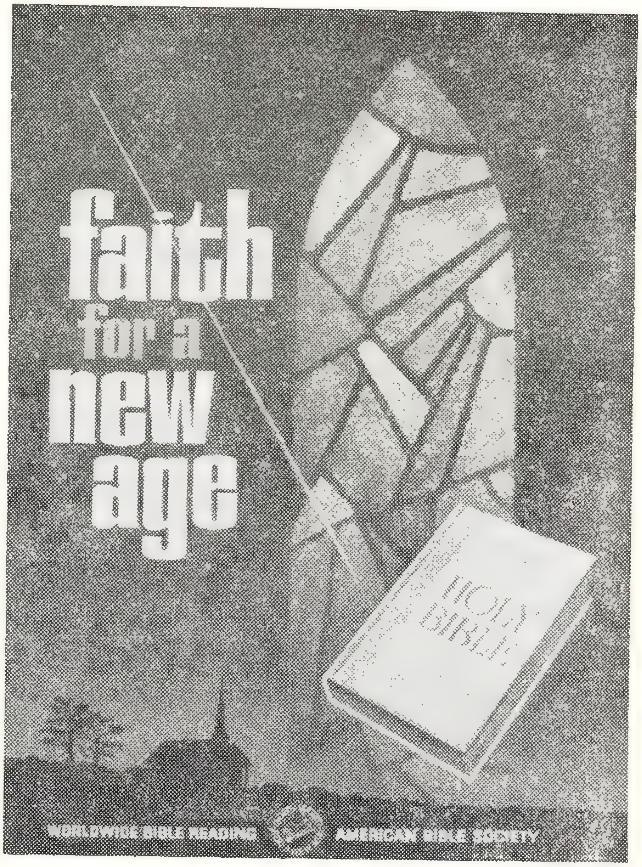
The Worldwide Bible Reading program, now in its 22nd year, is observed annually between Thanksgiving and Christmas as a spiritual bond to unite the peoples of the world. This period is also known as advent for Christians all over the world. The theme for 1965 is **Faith for a New Age.**

Each day, all persons participating read exactly the same verse from the Bible. Selections are printed in advance on bookmarks and distributed, without charge, to churches, hotels, libraries, stores, banks and to people who request them.

This year, **the first selection will be Psalm I, to be read on Thanksgiving, November 25, and the last selection, to be read on Christmas, will be Luke 2:1-20.** Different selections are listed for each day of the program.

The program originated in 1943 from a request by a lonely Marine stationed in the South Pacific. He wrote his parents asking them to join him in reading identical verses selected from the Bible on a daily basis. Thus together they would be able to maintain a true spiritual bond although thousands of miles apart. His mother, recognizing the tremendous spiritual hunger which must be experienced by many other servicemen throughout the world, called the Society's office to share the idea. Thus Worldwide Bible Reading was born. The Society's officers enlisted the active cooperation of churches across the country to bring this idea to the families in their congregations. In time, shared Bible reading between home and foxhole grew to worldwide proportions, and in the years following, people in other countries have joined in this Bible reading program between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

A booklet containing the Christmas Story may be obtained without charge from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022.



WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

/KJ

This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

/RSV

This is the man who started to build but couldn't finish it off.

/Phillips

If the world laughs at those in its midst who are religious, perhaps they laugh because we have started a building — a tower of faith — which was left incomplete because we had not reckoned on what it required of us to finish it. Or perhaps it was that the foundation we first put down was not strong enough to support the needs of the rest of the structure and it collapsed before we had done much more on it.

A tower is built to increase the range of vision for those who built it, among other things. Could it be that our tower of faith was a place of confinement rather than a place for increased vision? If it had not allowed for windows to see beyond our immediate environment, were others in the world beyond our safe refuge able to discover what we were like and hear what we had to say about our faith? Is the tower attacked because others cannot see what we are, or hear what we have to share with them?

If we did have a tower of faith with windows ample to look out on the world, have we allowed the vines of complacency to block off our view? Are the windows dirtied by the dust of old habits no longer effective or meaningful?

What of our tower? Have we built it? Having built it is it useful for seeing beyond ourselves? If we are in the process of getting it built, may our windows be large ones and our maintenance steady and purposeful.

Effects Of Social & Political Forces On Missions Reported

Archaic, philosophical concepts about overseas missions are out, the Rev. Dr. David M. Stowe told the first annual Assembly of the NCC Division of Overseas Ministries, which he heads. The newly organized unit itself reflects the new approach in its title, since it discarded the image of "foreign missions," it was pointed out. Missions personnel at home and abroad, said Dr. Stowe, must now have technical competence in addition to their Christian faith, and **a broad familiarity with the major developmental mechanisms and dynamics of contemporary society.**

Dr. Stowe discussed this era of revolution and ferment in which millions are confronted with hunger, poverty and lack of faith. The Christian missionary today, he declared, must be prepared to do **a professional job among professionals serving human needs.**

In his address to the Assembly, Dr. Leslie E. Cooke, underscored again the disparity between the developed and underdeveloped nations as **the really great problem of our modern world.** Director of the World Council's Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service in Geneva, he said he was gratified to note **an awakening of awareness and of conscience in people almost everywhere about this disparity.**

A former Korean refugee, Yoon Gu Lee, who told the Assembly he was alive today because of food provided by Church World Service, described self-help programs conducted by Korean Church World Service. He has been on the KCWS staff for eight years.

The Rev. Dr. John Coventry Smith, general secretary of the United Presbyterian Church's overseas mission work, discussed **the mission of the people of God in a secular world civilization.** Religious values, he said, are best conveyed through attitude and concern. **Perhaps the greatest contribution the Christian can make in our society,** said Dr. Smith, **is to constantly remind us that people are important** in a world of nuclear power, computers and medical advance. As chairman of the NCC Division of Overseas Ministries, Dr. Smith is a vice-president of the National Council of Churches.

On The Edge

Mr. Lee Russell was ordained a Deacon for **Long's Chapel United Church of Christ near Burlington** on October 24. The Rev. Guy Veazey assisted the Rev. Donald Sledge, pastor of the church, in the service.

A reception will be held on November 11 by **The Christian Temple in Norfolk** for their new pastor and his family, Dr. A. Warren Matthews, from 4:00-6:00.

The Rev. Carl T. Daye was installed as pastor and teacher of **Pembroke United Church of Christ, Virginia Beach,** on October 24. The service was held at the Pembroke Elementary School.

The Rev. Richard N. Rinker has been chosen as a member of the **Advisory Committee on Outdoor Christian Education** of the Division of Christian Education, Board for Homeland Ministries. This committee will help in the study of camp/conference needs across the country.

The Christian Sun

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Inasmuch As You Have Done It For One Of The Least Of These . . .

Jesus taught us that when we serve others, we are in a real sense serving God. Here is an excellent opportunity to put his teaching into practice.

An urgent appeal has gone out to Protestants across the country for gift parcels containing cotton yard goods, sewing needles and thread, for the use of Vietnamese women in making seriously needed clothing for their families and themselves.

An initial appeal for 20,000 fabric parcels will help meet the clothing needs of 100,000 ragged and war weary refugees, figuring five members per family and a parcel per family. Ever increasing estimates of refugees presently range between 200,000 and 300,000 men, women and children.

Differences in custom and stature of the Vietnamese determine that this appeal be for fabrics rather than used clothing, according to Church World Service officials. Vietnamese women and girls do not wear Western type clothing, and the Vietnamese are small in stature. The majority of the women know how to sew and few gifts would be more welcome than fabric parcels.

Individuals and groups are asked to assemble the following items in each parcel: 4 yards of white cotton cloth, 4 yards of black cotton cloth, 4 yards of printed cotton cloth, sewing needles and suitable thread.

The parcel should be marked plainly, **For Vietnamese refugees.** Donors may either mail parcels prepaid to Church World Service Center, P. O. Box 188, New Windsor, Maryland 21776, or may include them in the regular clothing pickups from their church or community.

A recent issue of THE CHRISTIAN SUN carried a list of pick-up points for North Carolina.

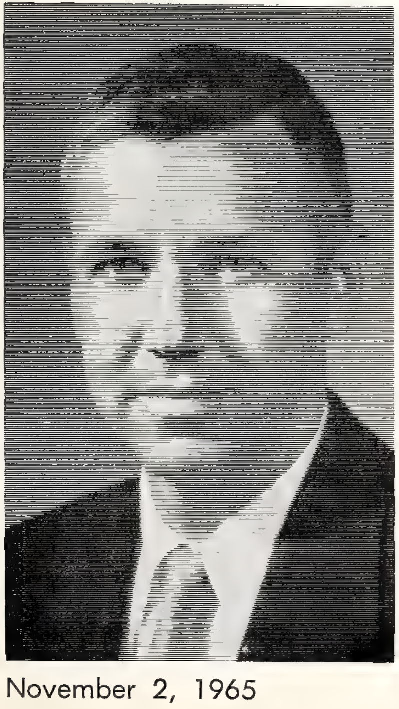
Many families are forced to flee with only what they have on their backs in Vietnam. Certainly one of their greatest needs is for clothing. The people of Vietnam are greatly appreciative of parcels sent by churches in the United States to supply fabric for clothing. The women of Vietnamese churches in Saigon will cut and package these fabrics. Parcels will be marked as gifts from the United States Protestant Churches.

Church School classes, Women's Fellowships, and individuals in the Southern Convention could do well in helping to meet the needs of Vietnamese refugees for clothing.

Clyde L. Fields

The Southern Conference Staff

Introducing James H. Lightbourne, Jr.



The Reverend James H. Lightbourne, Jr., D. D., the first Conference Minister for the Southern Conference, is the son and grandson of Congregational Christian ministers, and the third generation of his family to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Elon College. With his father, the Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Sr., they had the distinctive honor of being the only father-son serving simultaneously as conference executives in the Congregational Christian fellowship.

A native of Virginia, Dr. Lightbourne graduated from Elon College in 1942 (A. B.). Following service in World War II, in the Air Force, he completed his studies by securing a Master's degree from Brown University (1947) and Hartford Theological Seminary (B. D. 1950). Elon awarded him with an honorary doctorate in 1961.

Dr. Lightbourne has served churches in Brown Summit, N. C.; Stoddard, N. H.; and Holland, Va., prior to being called as Superintendent for the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches with offices at Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. and Mrs. Lightbourne have three children: James H. III (17), Leslie Hope (11), and Ernest Anderson (13).

Responsibilities for Dr. Lightbourne in the past few years have included membership on Board of Trustees of Southern Union College and Franklinton Center at Bricks; a director of the United Church Council for Christian Social Action; president of the Georgia Council of Churches; conference executive representative on the Stewardship Council; and member of several national committees in our denomination.

He will be serving the Southern Conference as Conference Minister with his offices at Elon College.

YOUTH MINISTRY HEADLINES

From Your Fellowship Commission Chairman

Hi! I am Nancy Alexander, your new Southern Convention Fellowship Chairman. I am a junior at Grimsley High School in Greensboro, North Carolina. I attend the Congregational United Church of Christ. Last year, I served as the president of the Middle High Pilgrim Fellowship. This year, I am Faith Chairman of the Senior Highs. Also, I am Fellowship Chairman in the North Carolina-Virginia Conference.

I was the treasurer in my Girl Scout troop last year and again this year. This summer, I attended the Girl Scout Senior Roundup in Idaho.

I have studied voice for four years and I plan to continue. I sing in the choir at my school and at church. Talent shows are a constant source of temptation for me. I like to perform with and without my guitar.

I am a member of Greensboro's Youth Council on Civic Affairs. This organization is a junior city council and is the liason between the adults and youth of the community.

After college, I hope to teach high school music or math. The Future Teachers of America Club at my school provides valuable vocational experience.

One of my main desires since junior high school has been to be a Southern Convention officer. Now that this wish has been granted, I will do my best to fill the office as well as I know how.

OFFICERS RETREAT

Fellowship And Guidance

Back in September, about twenty young people and adult advisors gathered at Moonelon Center for the Conference Officers' Retreat. The purpose of this retreat was to help the conference officers become better acquainted with the duties of their offices and to provide guidance in the Youth Ministry.

The program started with a symposium. Each Southern Convention officer gave a brief presentation of his office on the conference level. Rev. R. N. Rinker presented the role of the adult advisor. After the presentation we divided up to discuss our individual offices.

Saturday evening we saw a film, after which the Southern Conference officers led small groups in different techniques of using audio-visuals.

After a break we had vespers around the fireplace in the Dining Hall. After the vespers we went to bed.

At 6:15 Sunday morning, we had a Sunrise Service in front of the dining hall. Rising in time for the service presented a problem for some of us. This was a very impressive service.

After breakfast, our Youth Forum delegates, Vickie Johnson and Rick Kimball, gave a report on the Forum.

After the report, we once again went into our small groups to discuss our Common Jobs as outlined by **The Plan For The Youth Ministry.**

In closing we gathered for a Friendship Circle and sang "Bless Be The Tie." After this we all said our good-bys until next summer.

Eastern Virginia Rally

On Sunday, October 3, 306 young people and adult advisors gathered at Suffolk Christian Church for the Eastern Virginia Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship Fall Rally. The rally was "Hootenanny" style.

The program started with group singing led by Mrs. Walter Graham of Bethlehem. After an hour of singing the Suffolk P.F. presented a skit entitled "And The Lamp Went Out."

In the business session the treasurer reported a balance of $845.48 in the treasury.

After a refreshment break, Rev. Robert B. Marr, pastor of the host church, presented the attendance trophy to the Antioch P.F.

Rev. Bill Simmons led in the closing worship service. This was a candlelight service and a very impressive one.

YOUTH WEEK 1966

JANUARY 30 — FEBRUARY 6

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BETHLEHEM YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir of Bethlehem Christian Church in Suffolk, presented a Cantata at **Berea Congregational Christian Church in Driver** on September 19. Director for the choir is Mrs. Walter Graham. Biblical passages, read by the pastor at Berea, the Rev. J. Robert Bennett, interspersed the selections by the choir.

BURLINGTON EDGEWOOD P.F.

New officers for the Youth Fellowships at **Edgewood United Church of Christ in Burlington**: Junior High — Bobby Thomas (president), Chuck Bingenheimer (vice president), Lee Bingenheimer (secretary), and Ken Simmons (treasurer). Senior High — Glenda Ward (president), Cynthia Simmons (vice president), and Kathy Bingenheimer (secretary-treasurer).

REPORT FOR OCTOBER 11, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 331.50
Eastern North Carolina Conference	70.00
Western North Carolina Conference	27.00
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	338.81
Total	$ 767.31
Special Offerings	
Pope's Chapel Christian Church, Franklinton, N. C., Vacation Bible School	7.32
Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Vickery, Henderson, N. C.	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Langston, Raleigh, N. C.	10.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Vernon Staley Richardson	
In Memory of Mrs. Mattie Gordon Brown	
In Memory of Mrs. Edith McPherson Spencer	
In Memory of Mrs. R. O. Browning	
Total Memorial Gifts	26.00
Special Offerings	511.40
Total	$ 654.72
Total for the Week	$1,422.03

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The 44th Annual Stewardship Project

Study & Creative Expression

The Annual Stewardship Project of the United Church of Christ is a part of the church's program of stewardship education. It is sponsored by the Stewardship Council and supplements the church's teachings on Christian stewardship in the United Church Curriculum.

The Stewardship Project is a study program, a venture in the art of self-expression, a graded program, and a church-wide program. Study material is provided for five age groups; topics are also assigned the age groups:

Group A—5th and 6th grades: My Mission Where I Live
Group B—7th and 8th grades: On Mission Every Day
Group C—9th and 10th grades: On Mission Every Day
Group D—11th and 12th grades: Mission Through Vocation
Group E—Adults: The Church's Call To Witness And Serve

The primary purpose of the Stewardship Project is educational. The project combines a study program with an opportunity for self-expression. The Project can be conducted in the congregation any time between September 1 and February 15.

The self-expression which comes from study of the concerns may take any one of several forms: essays, poems, hymns, and posters. Details of these forms may be obtained in a packet of materials distributed by The Stewardship Council, United Church of Christ, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102. In this packet are resource books for the various age groups, a manual for carrying on a Stewardship Project in your church, an explanation of local, association, conference and national awards, and further information about study materials.

The conference chairman for the 1966 Project for the former Southern Convention is the Rev. Lowell A. Smoot, 326 McIver St., Sanford, N. C.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Telling The Home's Story

October 18, 1965

Dear Friends:

We are always glad of the opportunity to tell the story of our Home — whether it be at our churches, its various organizations or some civic group. This week (this letter is being written on October 18th), we will be telling the story several different places.

Yesterday we visited our Hunterdale Church at Franklin, Virginia. Here we preached at the 11:00 service and at the same time had opportunity to tell of some of the things we are doing at the Home. Tonight at 7:00 we will attend a Laymen's Meeting of the Peace United Church in Greensboro. Here we will speak directly on the program of the Home and its history.

On Thursday of this week we will present the story of the Home to the Laymen of the Burlington area at their quarterly meeting. At this meeting we will use a 16 mm. film of 25 minutes on the Home. This was recently completed and is available to our churches and its various organizations for programs. The film may be scheduled by contacting the Home for a possible showing date.

We not only go to various churches and organizations to tell our story, but we also encourage churches and various groups to come visit the Home. Last Sunday we were most happy to have the Rev. Walter Crosby and a number of his people from Center Church in South Boston. We were very happy to have this group visit with us and see the facilities we have for those in our care.

We would be most happy to have your church or any of its organizations visit the Home anytime you might find it possible. Please let us know in advance so we can make preparation to have someone show you our facilities. Should you like to have a program on the Home, please be in touch with us and we will be happy to come or if you would like to have the film, we would be happy to send this for your use.

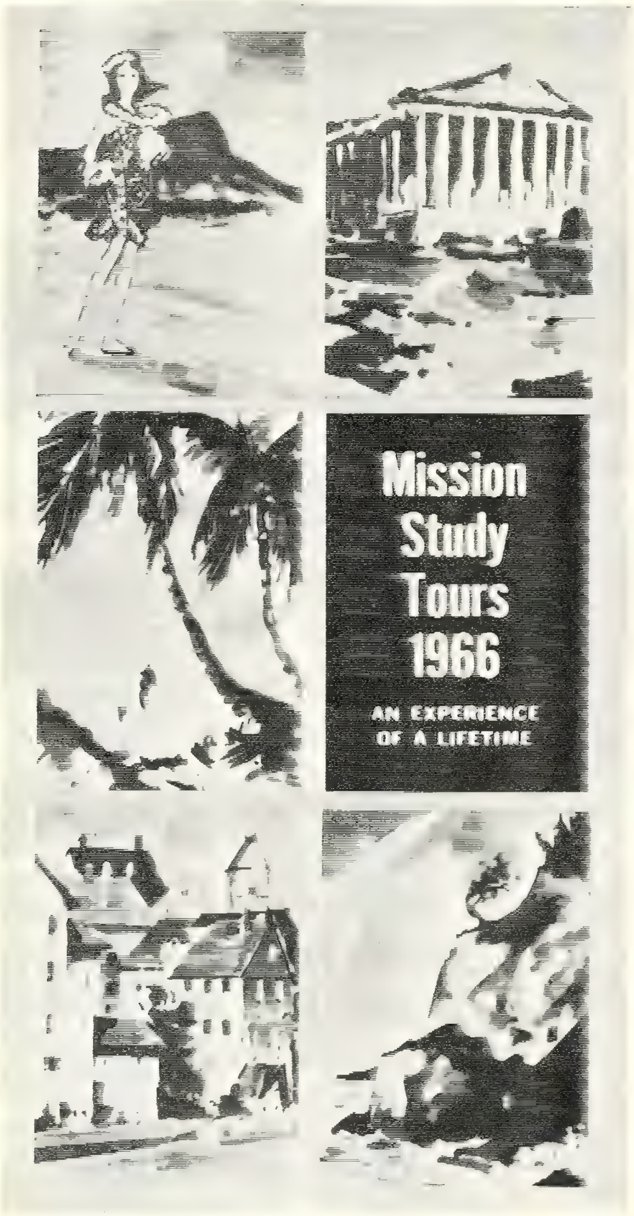
Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

COLLEGE ALUMNUS HONORED

Mr. E. W. Brafford, graduate of Elon College in the class of 1950, and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for Alamance and Caswell Counties, North Carolina, since 1950, received an award for his "meritorious service to the handicapped" at the meeting of the North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation which met at Wilmington recently. Mr. Brafford is not only an alumnus of Elon College but is a loyal member of the Elon College Community Church and serves as Chairman of the Finance Committee. Congratulations to Mr. Brafford in the important work he is doing among the handicapped.

New York.—Research into Bible Reading habits and use will be one of the new activities made possible by the New Bible House under construction for the American Bible Society.

United Church Mission Tours


Mission Study Tours 1966
AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

Further information and registration forms may be obtained by writing Dr. Nelson C. Dreier, Secretary of Tours, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. 19102.

United Church tours are planned in every detail for the enjoyment and enrichment of the traveler. These tours are sponsored by the Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with the instrumentalities of the church.

New doors of understanding will open to participants. Such major concerns as **The Christian Approach to Non-Christian Faith; The War On Poverty; The Problems of Urbanization** take on new depth as travelers live with and see for themselves those about whom others merely study from books.

In 1966, the following Mission Study Tours are planned:

PUERTO RICO — VIRGIN ISLES ($295)

Enjoy the tropical sunshine for 10 glorious days as you learn of the work of our churches in the land of Eternal Spring. Because of this tour's popularity, two separate tours are arranged: February 3-12 (Mr. J. Blaker Herod, Leader) and November 3-12 (Rev. Vernon Stoop, Jr.).

HOLY LAND PALM SUNDAY ($1,095)

Eastertime Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is in cooperation with the Church Travel Club of England. It offers outstanding Bible study in Israel and Jordan — the lands of the Bible. Tour members join a group from Britain for interesting international and ecumenical experiences. March 21-April 12 (Rev. J. P. Lee-Wolfe, Leader).

WEST COAST CALIFORNIA ($250)

Post-Easter Tour — exciting possibility of a visit to one of the most vital growing parts of our country. Go a few days ahead of starting date. See some interesting sights not included for lack of time. April 11-26 (Rev. Ernest M. Fowler, Leader).

HAWAII ($325 or $470)

Everyone wants to see the fabulous beauty of the "Paradise of the Pacific." Offered here is first-hand information about Hawaiian people, churches, schools, and the life of the islands. Add the extension to neighboring islands and stay longer and go to Kauai. June 15-20 (Rev. Robert K. Shimoda, Leader).

NORTHERN EUROPE ($1,095)

A 21 day economy tour to the northern European countries requested by many. Visit Denmark, Finland, Russia, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Germany. Contact national and orthodox churches. July 12-August 2 (Rev. Eugene Van Kranenburgh, Leader).

EUROPE — NEAR EAST-AFRICA EXTENSION ($1,095)

21 day economy tour provides a visit to Europe, the Near East and the Holy Land. Ideal vacation filled with the romance of Europe, Turkey and Bible lands. An extension to Africa is offered at additional cost. August 2-23 (Rev. James W. Moyer, Leader).

550th Anniversary Of Hus Martyrdom

The 550th anniversary of the martyrdom of Jan Hus, the Czech reformer and pioneer educator who was burned at the stake, was commemorated in churches throughout North America on Reformation Sunday, October 31. The observance was urged by the World Alliance of Reformed and Presbyterian Churches in cooperation with the Lutheran World Federation and the National Council of Churches.

Jan Hus was rector of the University of Prague. His writings are viewed as a forerunner to the 16th century Protestant Reformation. His death in 1415 came after conviction on 30 charges of heresy lodged against him at the Council of Constance because of his public support of the views of John Wycliffe, the English reformer, and his insistence on the authority of the scriptures and the priesthood of all believers.

Criticism And Conviction

By William T. Joyner

"What do you think about me?
Do you like me?
Do you approve
    of what I think,
    and what I say,
    and what I do?"
Fatal questions!
    — fatal because
    they chain one
    to the opinions of other people.

If one starts giving up
    every good idea that is distorted
    and misrepresented by others,
He will find himself,
    very shortly,
    with no ideas at all.
If one retreats from a moral position
    every time a questionable epiteth
    (like "communist" or "do-gooder")
    is thrown at him,
He will find himself,
    very shortly,
    with no convictions
    left to defend.

"Don't speak out of turn!
Don't think dangerous thoughts!
Don't ask forbidden questions!
Don't step out of line
    with prevailing sentiment!"
So speak the chain-makers.

But there are some who refuse
    to be molded,
    chained,
    and defined
    by what other people think about them.
There are some, like Nehemiah,
    who risk the demolition
    of secure reputations
    in order to build mighty walls.
There are some
    who will not quit
    and back away from their convictions
    when slander sets in.

Blessed are those
    who calmly continue their work
    while torrents of ridicule
    rain down
    from the heights of arrogance.

ON THE EDGE

Fraternities and sororities of Elon College worshiped en masse at the **Elon College Community Church** on October 24. Preachers for the service were Dr. William J. Andes, pastor of the church, and the Rev. John S. Graves, the college chaplain.

The Burlington Area Churchmen's Fellowship met at **Providence Memorial Church in Graham** on October 28.

A new group in the Alcoholics Anonymous program has been begun at the **Elon College Community Church** parish house meeting twice each week. This group makes three active AA units in Alamance County.

The Rev. Thomas W. Madren will be guest leader for special services at **Trinity United Church of Christ at Garner** from November 7-11. Pastor of the Trinity Church is the Rev. Grant Burns. Mr. Madren is pastor of Hines Chapel United Church of Christ.

The Women's Fellowship of **Trinity United Church of Christ in Garner** has recently purchased and had installed new carpeting for the church sanctuary. This beautiful gift was possible through the hard work of the women as they carried on various fund-raising projects.

In answer to a query about working on Sunday, Billy Graham said, "It should not detract from a man's reverence to do what is required. Even Jesus spoke about the ox in the ditch on the Sabbath. But if your ox gets in the ditch every Sabbath, you should either get rid of the ox or fill up the ditch."

—From **Trinity Church News,** Garner

During the absence of the pastor, the Rev. J. Robert Bennett, who was on vacation, **Berea Congregational Christian Church at Driver** worshiped under the leadership of guest speaker Captain A. B. Roane of the Chesapeake Police Department. Captain Roane is a church school teacher and lay worker at the Great Bridge United Church of Christ. His topic was "Man's Laws and God's Laws."

The Rev. Jack Roe was the speaker at **Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro** on October 21 at 7:30. He spoke and showed slides on his experiences as exchange minister to Scotland. Members of **St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Greensboro** were the guests of Peace Church for the occasion.

OCTOBER AT HAMPTON FIRST

During October there were three special programs at **First United Church of Christ in Hampton:** on October 17, an organ recital by Mr. Bene W. Hammel, recitalist from Chattanooga, Tennessee, of classical and semi-classical music on the church's new Baldwin No. 11 organ. On October 24, Stephen A. Hoboush, a Shepherd of Galilee, gave an informational meditation on the 23rd Psalm and, later, a picture travelogue of the Holy Land. On October 31, the members of the church will worship with the Masons of the Peninsula and the Newport News High School Chorus will sing in the evening.

Living With Change

By Grant Burns

Never before in the history of man have we witnessed such rapid change. It has been said that the changes occurring in our life times have been far greater than all the changes since the dawn of civilization. Certainly you don't have to be a person with a number of degrees behind your name in order to realize that this is true. The point of saying this is to point out that change is always a painful experience. Like the death of loved ones, changes have come upon us today without warning. We have had no time to prepare for the inevitable changes that have come one upon another. For before one change has come we are forced to accept yet another change.

Sometimes, even most of the time, these changes have demanded of us that we turn loose ways of life that become parts of our personalities. This like the experience of death then becomes a crisis event. We are forced to face realities that we would rather ignore. Like the mother who has just lost a son through a tragic death, who in despair cries, "It just can't be true." In truth the moment of grief must pass and the hour of facing the crisis realistically must come.

Facing the crises of change is a large order. On the surface it may sound simple. It is no simple matter to face any crisis, whether it be death, or the multiple crises of our technological era. However, however much we may dislike the changes that abound around us, we have to face reality or be persons who are bitterly disappointed in life.

The Christian faith should not claim for itself to be a "patent medicine" that can be taken by spoonfuls to cure the ills of the world. Yet if the Christian faith has any meaning whatsoever, it does offer to the believer a power and a resource that can help us to live life successfully, enabling us to face the stresses and strains of life with hope for the future.

Though the Christian faith does not promise an easy solution to any of our 20th century problems, it proclaims itself to be a bulwark in the time of storm and rudder to guide us over the sea of life. Jesus proclaimed himself to be the way, the truth and the life. It is at this point that we declare Christ is effective for us in the world today. A vital and living relationship with Christ as saviour gives us in the midst of change and confusion a solid anchor. And as long as we remain in contact with our anchor, whatever problems may come will not leave us bewildered.

Is Christ a partner in your life? Or do you like countless others face life alone. Make your decision for Christ. Let this day be a day never to be forgotten, because you are willing to say, "I can't face life alone, I need Jesus."

From UCC Executive Council

Opposes Subversion Of C.O. Principles

The Executive Council of the United Church of Christ today expressed dismay at the "organized attempt to subvert the religious principle of conscientious objection for the purpose of draft dodging."

The Council, interim body for the denomination's General Synod, expressed to the 6,957 churches of the 2,067,224-member denomination its concern with three issues raised by current demonstrations against United States involvement in the war in Vietnam: freedom of speech, orderly functioning of the law and freedom of individual conscience, calling them "crucial to the Christian conscience and crucial to the welfare of the United States."

Noting that public expression of objection "to the foreign policies of the United States or to our pursuit of the war in Vietnam" are not illegal, the Council went on record as opposing "any generalized attempt to suppress orderly demonstrations for or against the United States policies and practices in Vietnam."

The Council opposed "unequivocally on both moral and legal grounds the organized effort to induce young men to 'beat' the draft." The group labelled as "highly immoral" such things as advising young men to burn draft cards, persuading college professors to withhold grades of draft-eligible students and "urging young men to register falsely as conscientious objectors."

Pointing out that the law "rightly recognizes that the conscientious objector may take his stand only on religious and moral grounds," the Council said that this free choice to serve God in accordance with conscience is "negated by the cynical advice being given to young men to live a lie by registering falsely as conscientious objectors."

While stating their belief that "no college advisor would knowingly collaborate in such misuse of the principle of conscientious objection," the council members called upon college advisors and administrators "to see that our young men do not subvert the legal provision for conscientious objectors."

They also pointed out the responsibility of college advisors to help men of draft age "understand the moral imperative of obeying the draft law, not only in letter but in spirit."

Council members registered their confidence in the majority of American young men, stating that they believe most men of draft age "fully intend" to obey the draft law both ethically and legally.

Telephone Companies Act To Reveal Hate Message Subscribers

Communications received this week by the National Council of Churches indicate that several telephone companies are revising their tariff regulations "in order to deny anonymity to users of the Automatic Announcement Service." The actions are believed to be the result of complaints filed with the Federal Communications Commission and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company by the Anti-Defamation League protesting the recorded "hate" messages heard in many cities on unlisted phone numbers. The National Council has filed a similar complaint.

"We deplore the use of our facilities for the dissemination of disparaging remarks," said a letter to the ADL from the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. A similar sentiment was expressed in a letter to the FCC from the U. S. Independent Telephone Association: "We of course deplore the dissemination of any libelous and defamatory statements, whether they be made from soap boxes, contained in handbills, spread by telephone or carried in newspapers."

The phone companies claim, however, they do not have the legal right to censor such messages unless they are obscene or used for unlawful purposes such as gambling.

Companies which have taken action to date include a number of Bell companies, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and the New York Telephone Company. In Indiana and New Jersey, the Public Service Commissions have taken the same action. This permits these phone companies to give out the names and addresses of subscribers to the service on request.

A TRIBUTE
to
ALVIRA DRUMM

By Dr. W. W. Sloan

(Given at a Memorial Service for Mrs. Drumm held in Whitley Auditorium, October 26th)

Most of you know Professor Lewis Drumm, but many of you did not have the privilege of knowing his wife, Alvira Drumm. Something over a year ago the Drumms were here for summer commencement, having just moved from New Jersey. Mrs. Sloan and I ate with them in McEwen Dining Hall. We immediately became friends. We came to admire the culture, the humor, the strong-mindedness of Mrs. Drumm, a well-read lady of many interests. We were close to her as she underwent surgery last February, as the family built and moved into their new home, and through her illness. Despite that illness she became active in the Elon College Community Church and the local chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Now we are lonely. Alvira Drumm is no longer physically with us. She has entered a new experience, set out on a new adventure. John Q. Adams, the sixth president of the United States, lived to be ninety years of age. Soon before his death he was asked how he was. "Splendid," he replied. "Oh, this old body of mine is about worn out. I must soon get rid of it, but John Q. Adams was never finer."

This represents the attitude of Alvira Drumm. She has been relieved of physical suffering, but her concern for other people has not ceased. Like everyone else who has crossed the great divide, she has carried with her memories of the past, most of them satisfactory, some unpleasant. She maintains her character, largely noble, her charming personality, her habitual courtesy. As she was active, humorous, constantly growing in this physical life, she will continue her concern for helping others, her sense of joy and humor in everything about her, her inquisitive search for the new in this expanding life upon which she has entered.

All of us who have known her are challenged and inspired to better living, not only by her joyous faith in God, but by her sense of the proper, her unfailing courtesy, her interest in the world about her, undiminished through the months of her illness. Elon College is a better community because Alvira Drumm spent a year in our midst.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

Mrs. Alvira Jones Drumm

Members of the Elon College faculty family were saddened by the death of Mrs. Alvira Jones Drumm on October 22nd, following a critical illness of several months. Mrs. Drumm, the wife of Professor Lewis R. Drumm, Sr., had been a part of the Elon College family for only about two years but endeared herself to all.

Mrs. Drumm was a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., daughter of the late John M. Jones and Hannah Hopkins Jones. She was a member of the Elon College Community Church and a retired school teacher.

Survivors include her husband, and one son, Lewis R. Drumm, Jr., of New York City.

Final rites were held at the Elon College Community Church on Sunday, October 24th, at 9:00 a. m. The service was conducted by the minister, Dr. William J. Andes, and the Rev. John S. Graves, Elon College Campus Minister. Burial was in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Tuesday, October 26th.

A Memorial Service for Mrs. Drumm was held in Whitley Auditorium, Tuesday morning, October 26th, at 10:00. This service was planned to be simultaneous with the Committal Service for Mrs. Drumm at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dr. William J. Andes, Minister of the Elon College Community Church, was present with the family for the Committal Service in Wilkes-Barre. The Memorial Service in Whitley Auditorium was conducted by Rev. John S. Graves and Dr. W. W. Sloan. Miss Janet Lamm was organist and Miss Linda Durham sang "God's My Shepherd" by Dvorak. The tribute to Mrs. Drumm by Dr. Sloan is printed in this issue of The Christian Sun.

The members of the Elon College faculty remember with joy the good life of Mrs. Drumm, and all extend to Professor Drumm sincere sympathy in his great loss.

ARTISTS AND EXHIBITS

Outstanding Programs Arranged For The Year

Each year a variety of programs is offered for the cultural and intellectual enrichment of the campus. During the 1965-1966 year an impressive number and variety of programs will be offered for the benefit of the College community.

Scheduled to appear are the following: On October 7, **Dr. George Lucktenberg and his wife, Jerrie Lucktenberg** in a recital for harpsichord and violin; October 18, **Peter Harrower,** Bass-baritone, and his wife, **Irene Calloway,** soprano; February 15, **Eugene Jemison,** Printmaker; March 22, **Alirio Diaz,** classic guitarist; and April 21, the **Baltimore Symphony Woodwind Quintet.**

Several outstanding art exhibits will be brought to the campus during the year.

The Liberal Arts Forum, sponsored by the Student Government Association, has scheduled a number of lectures and is arranging for the showing of several award-winning films. A special feature of this year's Liberal Arts Forum will be the Spring Symposium which will be held April 25 through April 30 on the theme, **The Changing Image of Man.**

The following distinguished scholars will appear on campus under the Visiting Scholars Program of the Piedmont University Center, a cooperative effort dedicated to the enrichment of the offerings of the member institutions: **Dr. Lawrence Roger Thompson,** professor of English at Princeton University — October 27; **Dr. George E. Mowry,** dean of the division of social sciences at the University of California at Los Angeles — November 3; **Dr. Peter A. Bertocci,** professor of philosophy at Boston University — March 8; **Dr. Dewey Wesley Grantham, Jr.**, professor of history, Vanderbilt University — March 16; and **Dr. Sylvester Broderick,** visiting lecturer on African studies at the University College of Sierra Leone — April 13.

OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION

To Be Together in Small Groups

In The November IJRE

The November issue of the **International Journal of Religious Education** is featuring a concern for small group work in the educational mission of the church. Such articles as "Group Life That Helps Persons"; "Responsible Participation"; "Groups New Or Revitalized"; "Don't Just Study — Do Something!"; "Treat Adults As Adults," are a few of the helpful ones to be found in this publication.

In addition the regular feature of **IJRE,** the worship resources for primary, junior, junior high, and youth departments has some fine suggestions for December worship in the church school. There are stories and talks, dramatizations, poems, responsive readings and litanies. Copies of this issue may be ordered at the rate of 50c each for from 6-19 copies or 75c each for less than six. Order from International Journal, National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027, asking for the November 1965 issue.

Can The Church Also Help?

At Modesto, Calif., recently, one of the local businessmen lunched with a high school youth, took the lad to his office, talked with him, and then drove him to his home.

It happened on a school day. The youth, however, was not a truant. Neither was the businessman trying to recruit him for a job.

Exactly the opposite was occurring. The school had encouraged the youth to take the day off to talk with the businessman and the latter was trying to talk the youth into staying in school.

For the youth had frequently said that he might drop out before completing high school. He had dismissed the advice of the high school counselor. So the counselor had called on the businessman for help.

This was dramatic in the life of the youth. It possibly was a turning point. He learned from a disinterested person the value of a good education. He was shown the difference in pay and the difference in jobs that he would get if he dropped out or stayed in school.

He said he would stay in.

As the school year goes on, the businessman will see the youth again.

At Modesto, school counselors have lists of businessmen upon whom they can call at any time to advise youths.

The program, which was set up under the auspices of the local Chamber of Commerce covers junior high school through junior college.

Other business groups throughout the country have shown so much interest in the Modesto program, that the Chamber has had to prepare a form letter to explain it.

For drop-outs are a serious problem to communities and to businessmen. Thirty out of every 100 high school students fail to graduate. Those that do fail as a rule are not as informed citizens in their communities or as productive at work as they would have been had they graduated.

Scriptures Of The World

The first attempt to list the first editions of the Bible in new languages from the beginning of the printed text in the 15th Century to the present is contained in a new publication of the American Bible Society, "Scriptures of the World: A Compilation of First Editions."

The 64-page, paper bound, 8½ x 11" book, was prepared by Miss Elizabeth J. Eisenhart, Society Librarian. The Rev. Dr. Eric M. North, formerly a Society General Secretary; Miss Margaret T. Hills, formerly Society Librarian, now engaged in writing a history of the Society; and the Rev. Dr. Robert Kilgour, of London, British and Foreign Bible Society Editorial Superintendent, initialed the project and contributed the major part of the research.

The book lists 1,232 languages and dialects and notes the year in which a complete Book of the Bible, an entire Testament, or an entire Bible was first published. There are three categories: alphabetical by language, chronological, and geographical.

The work is substantially based on research developed for panels now displayed at Bible House, 450 Park Avenue, New York City, and for panels which will be erected in the New Bible House now being built at Broadway and 61st Street. Occupancy in 1966 will coincide with the observance of the Society's 150th Anniversary.

Miss Eisenhart notes in her preface that this first publication of the data is in "rough" form because the three lists may be incomplete and expresses the hope that sister Bible Societies in other countries "will correct and improve the data as it now stands." She observes, however, that the book "is a beginning toward the perfection of a truly useful, international reference tool."

The alphabetical list ranges in languages and dialects from Abkhasian, spoken by people east of the Black Sea in the U.S.S.R., who had a first Portion published in 1912 but still have no complete Testament or Bible, to Zuni, spoken by Indians in New Mexico, who had a first Portion published in 1941 but also have no complete Testament or Bible.

The first three printed translations of the Bible — all complete — were into Latin, 1456; German, 1466; and Italian, 1471. The New Testament was first published in French in 1474 and the Bible in 1530; in Czech, the New Testament was published in 1475, with the complete Bible in 1488. The next two, Dutch and Hebrew, had Old Testaments before the New. A Portion of the Bible was first published in Dutch in 1477, the Old Testament in 1480, and the complete Bible in 1522. In Hebrew, the first Portion was published in 1477, the Old Testament in 1488, and the complete Bible in 1599.

Catalan, Low German, Ancient Greek, Chaldee, Spanish, Slavonic, Serbo-Croatian and Portuguese followed in that order. Ethiopic, next, which had its first Portion in 1513 and the New Testament in 1549, did not have a complete Bible until 1919. English, which stands 21st in line, had its first Scripture publication in the form of a New Testament in 1525 and a whole Bible in 1535.

The most recent translation listed is that of Zoque: Francisco Leon, published in 1964, and spoken in Chiapas Province in Mexico.

Rev. Richard N. Rinker will meet with the **Eastern Virginia Christian Education Associates** on Tuesday, November 16 at First United Church of Christ parsonage, Virginia Beach.

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REPORT OF RECEIPTS FOR APPORTIONMENT

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

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NORTH CAROLINA & VIRGINIA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Bethlehem	1,937	1,614.16	322.84	23
Asheville	2,261	1,040.00	1,221.00	00
Belew Creek	674	487.00	187.00	00
Monticello	946	473.00	473.00	13
Bethel	991	175.00	816.00	21
Beverly Hills	2,479	1,854.00	625.00	00
Carolina	884	884.00	.00	17
Edgewood	627	350.00	277.00	00
Burlington, 1st	6,234	4,922.56	1,311.44	146
Hopedale	649	488.00	161.00	00
Lakeview	473	336.50	136.50	00
Long's Chapel	1,200	1,000.00	200.00	00
Union Ridge	2,982	1,500.00	1,482.00	27
Zion	294	10.00	284.00	00
Durham	3,135	2,125.00	1,010.00	337
Berea	473	150.00	323.00	00
Elon Col. Com.	3,114	600.00	2,514.00	130
Concord	688	.00	688.00	20
Shallow Ford	1,479	675.00	804.00	00
Apple's Chapel	2,796	2,097.00	699.00	00
Gibsonville	621	187.50	434.50	00
Graham Prov.	1,123	250.00	873.00	00
Greensboro:				
Calvary	423	33.35	389.65	00
Congregation.	6,655	4,991.32	1,663.68	1,220
Palm St.	2,315	2,315.00	.00	00
St. Peter's	683	215.13	467.87	00
Pleasant Ridge	490	500.00	.00	137
Haw River	1,341	991.00	350.00	00
Hendersonville	1,805	.00	1,805.00	49
Kallam Grove	377	173.50	203.50	00
Hines Chapel	1,565	1,304.18	260.82	97
Mebane	125	125.00	.00	00
Mt. Zion	1,386	1,386.00	.00	6
Pfafftown	759	.00	759.00	00
Reidsville	4,290	290.00	4,000.00	2,493
Howard's Chap.	249	.00	249.00	00
N. Lebanon	1,000	252.30	747.70	00
Happy Home	1,263	.00	1,263.00	14
Lebanon	526	102.00	424.00	00
Mt. Bethel	400	200.00	200.00	00
Tryon	3,715	3,210.00	505.00	1,130
Salem Chapel	666	382.00	284.00	00
Winston-Salem	1,248	1,040.00	208.00	6
Rocky Ford	264	.00	264.00	00
Danville, Va.	3,789	.00	3,789.00	50
Pleasant Grove	1,030	.00	1,030.00	00
Lynchburg	605	.00	605.00	00
Liberty, Va.	1,061	.00	1,061.00	5
Hebron	272	272.00	.00	00
South Boston	1,162	300.00	862.00	00
Ingram	859	400.00	459.00	00
Union, Va.	2,347	2,347.00	.00	00
Totals	78,730	42,048.50	36,692.50	5,941

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Albemarle	2,127	1,772.30	354.70	00
Asheboro	1,915	1,436.25	478.75	00
Bailey's Grove	132	30.00	102.00	00
Pleasant Grove	508	508.00	.00	20
Pleasant Union	398	350.00	48.00	00
Spoon's Chapel	355	355.00	.00	00
Union Grove	640	640.00	.00	00
Bennett	49	.00	49.00	00
Pleasant Grove	1,330	300.00	1,030.00	00
Biscoe	210	.00	210.00	00
Flint Hill (M)	345	58.00	287.00	00
Big Oak	507	17.01	489.99	00
Ether	474	300.00	176.00	00
High Point	669	375.00	294.00	00
Liberty	794	282.00	512.00	00
Pleasant Hill	2,057	2,057.00	.00	166
Smithwood	964	595.50	368.50	00
Antioch (C)	534	133.50	400.50	00
Hank's Chapel	1,536	884.00	676.00	137
Ramseur CC	1,124	800.00	324.00	00
Pleasant Ridge	1,664	1,664.00	.00	00
Shiloh	247	.00	247.00	00
Randleman	1,150	927.00	223.00	3
Brown's Chapel	644	325.00	319.00	00
Providence Ch.	163	.00	163.00	00
Grace's Chapel	687	147.02	570.50	00
Northview	456	150.00	306.00	00
Zion	725	.00	725.00	00
Seagrove	551	400.00	151.00	9
Antioch (R)	483	.00	483.00	00
Needham's Gr.	648	648.00	.00	0 0
New Center	274	.00	274.00	00
Siler City	210	25.00	185.00	00
Sophia	600	453.45	146.55	30
Flint Hill (R)	294	50.00	244.00	00
Shady Grove	287	.00	287.00	00
Mt. Pleasant	552	352.00	200.00	47
Ramseur UCC		50.00		00
Totals	26,303	16,085.03	10,324.49	412

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Pleasant Hill	270	.00	270.00	00
Ebenezer	709	.00	709.00	00
Damascus	483	200.00	283.00	15
Martha's Chapel	203	.00	203.00	00
Bethel	177	30.00	147.00	00
Chapel Hill, U.	1,445	400.00	1,045.00	71
Clayton	537	537.00	.00	00
Amelia	1,060	795.00	265.00	34
Fayetteville	1,037	349.00	688.00	00
Mt. Carmel	318	.00	318.00	00
Pope's Chapel	438	327.00	111.00	00
Christian Light	605	.00	605.00	00
Garner, Trinity	658	.00	658.00	17
Hayes Chapel	680	400.00	524.00	00
Mt. Hermon	408	.00	408.00	00
Henderson	2,303	600.00	1,703.00	00
Fuller Chapel	894	894.00	.00	51
Liberty Vance	2,126	1,507.00	619.00	400
Hope Mills	238	174.78	63.22	00
Bethlehem	390	200.00	190.00	00
Mt. Gilead	438	438.00	.00	45
New Hope	722	.00	722.00	6
Mt. Auburn	727	742.00	.00	00
Christian Chapel	211	.00	211.00	00
Morrisville	196	196.00	.00	44
New Elam	918	.00	918.00	00
Niagara	94	50.00	44.00	00
Auburn	709	730.00	303.00	00
Piney Plain	949	134.00	815.00	00
Plymouth	546	150.00	396.00	00
Raleigh, U.	2,183	.00	2,183.00	00
Raleigh, W.	558	83.20	474.80	00
Sanford, 1st	2,211	1,842.50	368.50	4
Lee's Chapel	427	325.00	102.00	00
Moore Union	362	.00	362.00	00
Shallow Well	2,143	500.00	1,643.00	50
Turner's Chapel	530	57.00	473.00	00
Southern Pines	3,002	2,250.00	752.00	00
Wake Chapel	2,566	2,000.00	583.00	44
Beulah	997	.00	997.00	00
Youngsville	288	150.00	138.00	20
Good Hope	333	67.06	265.94	00
Oak Level	525	338.25	186.75	00
Antioch	367	150.00	217.00	00
Totals	36,981	16,616.79	20,964.21	801

EASTERN VIRGINIA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Bayside	2,057	400.00	1,657.00	00
Rosemont	4,764	5,500.00	.00	493
Oakland	2,763	2,073.00	690.00	230
Dendron	180	256.25	7.85	00
Union, Sur.	112	112.00	.00	00
Bethlehem, Disp.	386	195.00	191.00	00
Centerville	231	231.00	.00	00
Berea, Nas.	1,457	600.00	857.00	61
Mt. Zion	520	184.00	336.00	20
New Lebanon	64	.00	64.00	00
Franklin	3,158	1,873.75	1,284.25	373
Hunterdale	2,198	210.00	1,988.00	36
Hampton, 1st	4,023	1,200.00	2,823.00	00
Holland	1,740	1,740.00	.00	25
Holy Neck	1,844	812.50	1,031.50	00
Hopewell	723	250.00	473.00	00
Isle of Wight	409	209.00	200.00	00
Lynnhaven	1,490	.00	1,490.00	106
Warwick	1,606	1,050.00	556.00	54
Norfolk:				
Bayview	1,797	500.00	1,297.00	65
Central	757	40.00	717.00	40
Christian Tem.	6,410	4,807.52	1,602.48	168
Gt. Bridge	3,025	2,230.00	795.00	33
Little Creek	471	225.00	246.00	00
Portsmouth:				
First	1,402	701.00	701.00	25
Shelton Mem.	1,315	810.00	505.00	00
United	1,291	71.00	1,220.00	00
Prince George	442	342.00	100.00	39
Richmond, 1st	1,623	744.00	879.00	00
South Norfolk	4,476	3,357.00	1,119.00	12
Bethleh., Nans.	4,371	3,757.03	744.37	150
Suffolk, Chris.	7,991	4,875.00	3,116.00	00
Cypress Chapel	2,104	.00	2,104.00	00
Liberty Spring	2,317	1,797.00	520.00	70
Va. Beach:				
First	968	100.00	868.00	138
Pembroke Man.	300	.00	300.00	00
Wakefield	599	497.00	102.00	10
Barrett's	93	.00	93.00	00
Burton's Grove	206	156.78	49.22	22
Mt. Carmel	828	437.00	391.00	00
Waverly	1,498	300.00	1,198.00	3
Spring Hill	220	67.74	152.26	5
Windsor	1,678	1,533.79	173.00	54
Antioch	575	578.00	.00	00
Eure	1,417	420.24	996.76	00
Damascus	1,002	.00	1,002.00	00
Oak Grove	244	108.00	136.00	00
Totals	79,145	45,351.60	34,775.69	2,212

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Fling Out The Banner!

The Fellowship Linking America and God has presented an elegant new stainless steel flagpole to our church at East Burlap. This thirty-five foot addition to the corner of the church property was properly installed in a service of dedication. It promptly became the center of a battle of high principles and sacred purposes.

With two flags flying --- the national flag on top and the Christian flag below --- two groups in the community immediately sent protests to the church Board of Trustees. Each of the two groups had faithful church members on its roster of avid supporters.

One group, the Political And Theological Separation Investigation Encouragement Society, threatened to boycott the church worship services and block deliveries for bean suppers. They insisted that the two flags be separated on different poles at least twelve feet, six inches apart. Unless this were done, according to their seven-page pronouncement, the whole fabric of church-state separation would be rent asunder.

The second group, the God Over American Life Is Essential Society, demanded that the Christian flag (symbolizing devotion to God and Christ) be flown above the American flag (symbolizing devotion to nation). If this were not done, they asserted, the whole moral fiber of society would be undermined and the church would be denying the basic truth that our nation has been, and continues to be, dependent upon God.

What with the protests of the P.A.T.S.I.E.S. and the G.O.A.L.I.E.S. ringing loudly in their ears, the church Board of Trustees agreed that the obvious solution was to get another flagpole and fly the flags separately. So an identical pole was secured and raised, and on the new pole the national banner waved.

The F.L.A.G., donors of the original pole, were offended. In fact they were more than a little miffed with the whole matter. Their policy committee wrote to the church Board of Trustees indicating that they saw no reason why their one pole was not adequate for both flags. As a protest, they cancelled their annual Memorial Day pilgrimage to the East Burlap Church.

But this wasn't the biggest problem. The P.A.T.S.I.E.S. measured the new pole and found that it was two and a half inches shorter than the first pole. This could undoubtedly have been worked out satisfactorily had it not been for the martyrdom of the president of the P.A.T.S.I.E.S. While ascending the pole to measure it (in the dark), he lost his grip and fell eleven feet to the hard earth, fracturing his left flexor pollicis longus. With such a martyr, his organization took up the cry with vigor.

The G.O.A.L.I.E.S., in the meantime, drafted a forthright statement indicating that this dualism and separation gave strength to secularism's inclination to keep religion in its own compartment away from the rest of life, including politics.

Needless to say, this controversy is still raging at East Burlap. In the midst of it, our church there now flies one proud flag --- it's a white one.

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The envelopes and bulletin inserts for the Thanksgiving appeal for the Home for Children carry this photograph of four attractive children at the Home. They are members of one family. The boys, from left, are Donald, Wayne, and Leslie Anderton. Their sister is Tina. The boys were admitted to the Home on July 13, 1964, and Tina joined them the following February 4. Because of the facilities and services provided at the Home, it is possible for brothers and sisters to be received into its care, preventing their separation. They can grow up together, work and play together, and remain a close family group although they cannot live in their own homes with their parents.

The Elon Home For Children

1965 Thanksgiving Emphasis

Goal — $30,000

The Elon Home For Children — 1965 Thanksgiving Appeal

The Thanksgiving season brings to the Elon Home for Children an opportunity to present to our churches the annual appeal for funds to help support the boys and girls at the Home, an appeal which has a goal of $30,000 this year.

The Thanksgiving Offering will be received in the churches on Sunday, November 21. Special envelopes have been prepared for use in giving and inserts have been published for the church bulletins so that everyone may have the opportunity to know of the work done at the Home and of the need for increased support of the children.

In recent years, the churches have been asked to contribute $25,000 through the special Thanksgiving appeal. This year they are asked to provide an additional $5,000, a request which is easy to understand when one remembers the greatly increased cost of living.

The Home has the responsibility of 78 boys and girls. Of these, 74 are living in the Home at Elon College, three are living in foster homes but are under supervision of the Home staff and are supported by the Home, and one is in college. For the complete care of these children, the budget is $100,000 a year. In the fiscal year which ended September 30, the cost of care of one child for a day was $4.60. The amount for a child for the whole year was $1,657.98. When this sum is divided among such expenses as shelter, food, clothing, medical care, dental care, school costs, and all of the other things a child needs, it becomes evident that the staff of the Home is adept at the task of making a dollar go a long way.

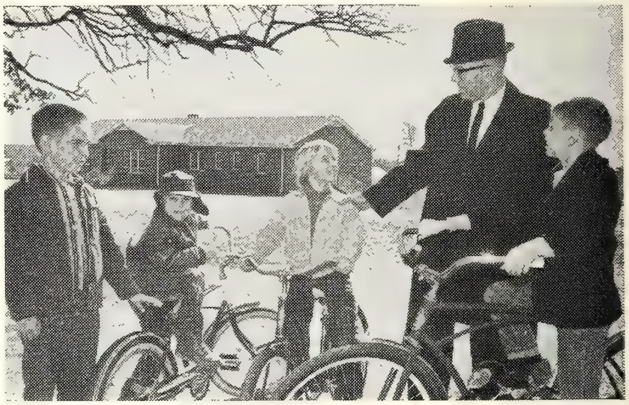
The income of the Home consists of $25,000 received from the churches each year through apportionment giving, the amount which comes from the Thanksgiving appeal, an appropriation from The Duke Endowment for use in the care of orphans and half orphans, the small sums families of a few of the children can contribute, and gifts from individuals, industries, and corporations interested in the wellbeing of children.

Thus, the fund received in the annual Thanksgiving Offering is absolutely essential to the operation of the Home and the quality of care of the boys and girls depends to a large extent on the generosity of the Thanksgiving gifts.

It would be an inspiration to every member of our Church to be able to visit the Home and see for himself what is being accomplished there. Every effort is made to make this institution as much like a child's normal home as is possible. The children have comfort, security, and love. They work, they worship, and they play. They are encouraged to make the best of their opportunities and they know always that members of the staff are deeply interested in them and ready to help them in any problems they may have.

The report of the Home for last year shows that 24,436 days of care were given and 47 boys and 42 girls were served. As an example of the kind of care they had, the report shows 99 casework services were recorded, 20 psychological services were given, 11 staff visits were made to their homes, there were 78 physical examinations, 85 visits to clinics and doctors, and 160 dental services. These figures reveal a determination that the boys and girls have the care necessary to health and to well-adjusted lives. Strong emphasis is placed on helping them to become self-reliant, to have Christian faith, and to have the high standards which are necessary if they are to develop into successful, happy, adult citizens.

A Thanksgiving gift to the Home for Children is a contribution to this excellent mission of providing for a child the opportunities for a good, Christian life, an opportunity which every child deserves.



The Home for Children recognizes that play and recreation are just as important as work and studies in the development of those in its care. One of the favorite past times of the younger children is bicycle riding. The campus is large and there is plenty of space for such recreation without getting out on heavily traveled highways. Four children at play stop to talk with Superintendent Snyder, who is often on the grounds in the afternoons. Left to right the children are: Jimmy Holland, Eddie Williams, Mary Lou Bolton, and David Williams.

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. . . THOSE CLOSEST TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS

A WORD ABOUT THE ELON HOME HOUSEMOTHERS

Of all the staff members at our Home for Children, it is the House-mothers who are closest to the girls and boys. They are, just as the name implies, the mother in the cottage they are responsible for. They are responsible for the behavior as well as the comfort of those in their care. These responsibilities are round-the-clock — 24 hours a day — every day. The House-mother sees to it that her children appear at breakfast with their faces washed, the hair combed, shoes respectable and clothes neat. She directs them in their chores, supervises their eating habits, and puts them at their books in the evenings. She does all the things a mother does for her children — in sickness and in health, and manages to give each child love and understanding.

A successful Housemother has to be a combination of many virtues. She must have a strong constitution, infinite patience, the diplomatic skill of a Tallyrand, know when to be stern and when to give a little. She must have a sense of humor which just won't be downed. She must understand discipline and how and when to apply it. She knows instinctively when to hear, what not to hear, and what to remember and what to forget.

She must love children — individually and collectively!

We asked our Housemothers to write an article for this special issue of The Christian Sun on the theme "A Day in the Life of a Housemother." Each Housemother exhibited surprising talent in self-expression. As a group all five Housemothers made abundantly clear that they subscribe to the ancient saying:

> "Man may work from sun to sun
> But woman's work is never done."

I think all the readers of The Sun will enjoy the accompanying articles by our Housemothers, who also were induced to letting their photographs be made.

—Supt. W. W. Snyder

Housemothers and authors of the accompanying articles got together for this rare photograph. They are, left to right, Mrs. Corinne Harris, Mrs. Roxie Walton, Mrs. Bertha Phillips, Mrs. Alvertine Privette, and Mrs. Freda Weaver.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A HOUSEMOTHER

By Mrs. Alvertine Privette
Clyde Rudd Cottage

The clock goes off at an early hour. It is another day, but with new opportunities and challenges in service to others. I have my own private devotions, make my bed, and get dressed for the day. In about 20 minutes I am ready to wake the children, calling each by name. It is fun to joke with a little boy who is still sleepy and ask him why he is still in bed. He answers by saying, "I was asleep until you woke me up." Everyone makes his bed. Breakfast is prepared by myself with the help of two girls. Breakfast is a quiet meal. The girls enjoy a few minutes talking after the meal. "Be sure to brush your teeth" is a daily reminder to seven little boys. They each have chores to do before dressing for school. Eddie is always slow about making his bed. After the boys are dressed for school, they enjoy a TV program until time to leave for school. The girls spend much time dressing and come to get my approval of a dress or a new hairdo.

"Will you write me an excuse to get out of school? I have a dental appointment." This is quite often asked by 14 boys and girls. As they leave for school, each one tells you goodbye and hopes you have a nice day. They all look so nice and clean, and you feel so proud of them!

My! It is so quiet even the pipes make noises. One can hear the refrigerator running. Then, to tidy up the cottage before beginning the laundry. A washing machine is in more demand than a stove. While you are hanging up the first load of clothes, the telephone rings. You are nearly out of breath by the time you answer it. A friend is calling for Jimmy to spend a week end in her home.

It is lunch time, and it seems you have done nothing but wash clothes. A rest period is enjoyed after lunch, by stretching out on the bed and reading the morning paper or some book. Soon it is time to begin the evening meal. Much preparation is made before the children arrive from school, so that a few minutes can be given them about their day at school. Roger comes in with a paper to be signed. He has made 100 and is quite encouraged. Cynthia has found a bug for science and expects me to like it. In no time, it seems we are ready for the evening meal. We have our family devotions — with prayer before the meal each night. The children participate, and it is most inspiring. After the meal ther eare always many compliments. "That food was so good" and "I was so hungry." Dishes are washed, and it is time for baths and study hall. Eddie has to be helped with his new words. Wayne is still learning his alphabet. Mike comes asking me to help him with his math. I go through the first few grades each year, helping with homework. Soon the telephone is ringing, as study hall is over, and the girls are anxious to get that important call. The little boys go to bed. "May I have some shampoo?" Hair is cared for every night by the girls. A Housemother settles down to read the evening paper. A good bath and she is ready for bed. So much to be thankful for — you have been entrusted with so many young lives to be molded.

P. S. I will never forget the day I discovered one did not have to be "Miss America" to get breakfast in bed. A cut toe with doctor's orders to "stay off of your feet." You discover the eggs are scrambled soft, and that your girls can even make coffee. But most of all you realize that they can get along without you — one time anyway. What a joy to see the pleasure on Sandra's face as she put a TV tray beside my bed with a cup of hot coffee, eggs, toast, and juice. "Hope you enjoy it," she said, and was on her way.

The Service League And The Elon Home

By Mrs. Walter M. Brown, III
Chairman of the Intermediate Group
Service League of Alamance County

The Service League of Alamance County is an organization of young women whose primary purpose is to render service to the citizens of our county. One of our favorite projects is to entertain all the children at the Elon Home and to aid them in any way we can. This, we feel, is best accomplished by dividing the boys and girls into three age groups — 6-10 years, 11-12 years, and 13 and above. Three Service League members are in charge of the various activities for these groups and they have help from at least 10 members each month in carrying out activities. We believe the children are happier and more compatible within these age limits and will have a closer relationship with the adults in charge of each group than they would by our trying to entertain the entire Home at one time.

The younger and intermediate groups are entertained once a month and the older boys and girls once a quarter. Some of the various activities that have been planned are movies, bowling, skating, bingo parties, special parties for different holidays, spaghetti suppers, educational trips to mills and the telephone company and swimming parties at the YMCA. Also, programs on good grooming for the girls and programs on guns and safety have been presented. In December, instead of having planned activities, we present each child some spending money to be used as he or she sees fit. For future planning each age group is electing two representatives who will meet the three Service League chairmen within the next few weeks to get their ideas on what each group would like to do throughout next year. We want "our children" to have fun and to enjoy being with us. We believe this an excellent way to accomplish this. Refreshments are served each month during the activity period. We like to plan something different every month and also something that would be special for each group.

The Service League allocates a sum of money at the beginning of each year to be used strictly for entertainment. Also, we sponsor piano lessons for two talented young ladies and band lessons for a young man. These students have shown great promise with their musical accomplishments. The League feels that school-sponsored educational trips are an excellent means for providing additional knowledge; we have set aside a sum of money so that the boys and girls will be able to participate in them with their classmates.

I know that each League girl who works with these boys and girls derives a deep satisfaction from her efforts. We love to entertain them in our homes because we feel that we come to know each as the individual he or she is. This past summer, for example, we took 48 of the children to the movie, "Mary Poppins," and then invited them to my home afterwards for charcoal hamburgers and all the trimmings. It was a wonderful experience for all the girls who helped, and we had as good a time as the children did! We also feel it is very important for these young people to feel as if they are a part of our community. One way we believe this can best be accomplished is by taking them to places where there is group activity and participation. You would not believe how well they can bowl and skate and play putt-putt! We like to think that in some small way we are helping them adjust to the roles they will play in their communities as they graduate from school and go on to work or college.

The facilities at the Home are such excellent ones that we feel as if we must utilize them also. We have held bingo parties, suppers, and cookouts there. These boys and girls are proud of their home, and we enjoy being with them there and seeing how they live together.

As I have mentioned before, we feel their education is so important. Besides sponsoring their class trips, several of our League members have tutored boys and girls who have special problems with their

The Service League of Alamance County sponsors the Children's Theater as one of its many worthwhile projects. (See the report of its activities in behalf of the Home for Children elsewhere in this issue). Last spring the ladies gave a series of performances of its annual production for school children. It was a comedy based on the nursery rhyme "Old King Cole," and was entitled "King Cole's Court." The Service League gave a performance at the Children's Home. The cast is shown in the above photograph. Left to right, front row, Mrs. Bruce Darden, "Eenie the Fiddler"; Mrs. George Fox, "The Queen Cole"; Mrs. Richard Algood, "The King Cole"; and Mrs. Marshall Koury, "The Jester." Back row, Mrs. Dewey Pegram, "Minie the Fiddler"; Mrs. Vance Huffman, "First Guard"; Mrs. William Rippy, "Second Guard"; Mrs. Harold Bates, "Tangoo the Terrible"; and Mrs. Walstein Snyder, "Jasper." Mrs. Rippy is the wife of Dr. W. D. Rippy of the Board of Trustees of the Home for Children, and Mrs. Snyder's husband is superintendent of the Home.

ANN AND ROGER CHRISCO. The two Chrisco children, Ann and Roger, were admitted to the Home in June of this year.

They are half orphans with their father deceased and their mother unable to take care of them because of ill health. They were placed in the Home by the Department of Public Welfare of Alamance County.

In the short time they have lived at the Home, they have made a good adjustment and seem to be getting along nicely. Roger has artistic ability. He won third place in his group in the Alamance County Art Festival last year and has done a drawing for the Home which is so good it may be used on the Christmas card this year. Both have good personalities and Ann, particularly, is a friendly, outgoing child.

The Day Care Center

Children in the Day Care Center keep interested and ever so busy. Supervising the group's activities are Miss Maxine Bean, the director, standing at left, and Mrs. Katherine Martindale at right.

The Day Care Center of the Home for Children has been providing a worthwhile and needed service since its opening last spring in special quarters fitted up for it in Holt Chapel. It can take care of as many as 25 children age thru four and five. It is a help for families in which both parents work. Parents leave the children as they go to work in the morning and then pick them up in late afternoon on their way home.

In the meantime the children play, rest, are led in games, and are properly supervised. The Center usually has an average of 18 children under its care. The director is Miss Maxine Bean of Granite Falls, a 1964 graduate of Elon college. Assisting her is Mrs. Katherine Martindale of Burlington.

The Day Care Center was opened with the assistance of the Day Care division of the State Welfare department and is fully accredited by the North Carolina Board of Public Welfare. Normally the center opens at 6:45 a.m. and closes around 6 p.m. A hot meal is served the children at lunch. The Center, equipped with furniture for children, has a rest area, room for playing, a kitchen, adequately equipped, and a fenced-in playground just outside the building.

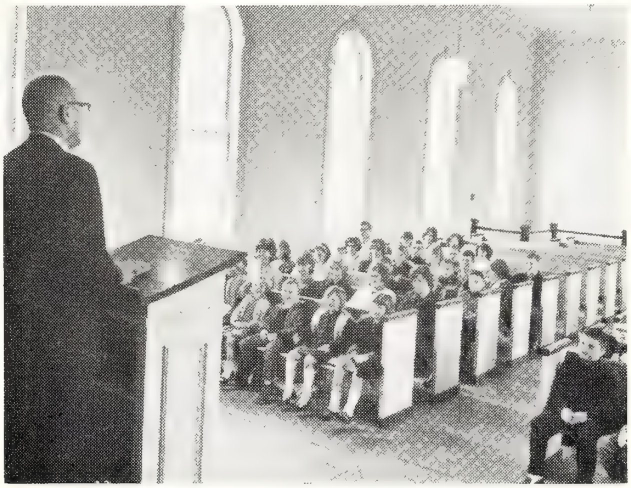
Chapel And Church

Our Home for Children provides for the boys and girls entrusted to its care a well-balanced life in which they develop a strong religious faith as well as the other values which lead to good, adult citizenship.

The children participate in the activities of the Elon Community Church as do most of the members of the staff of the Home. Each Sunday, they attend Sunday School and the 11 o'clock worship service. The younger children are active in the primary and junior choirs and in the missionary organizations. For the others, there are memberships in the Junior and Senior Hi Youth Fellowships. They enjoy having this close relationship with the church and learn there lessons which will stay with them through all the years ahead.

Each day at the Home begins with daily devotions, which are the responsibility of the housemothers in the various cottages. In the school year, mid-week services are held in Holt Memorial Chapel, usually conducted by ministerial students at Elon College. There also are other worship services on the campus from time to time.

The Christian atmosphere of the Home is conducive to the development of Christian faith and the Holt Chapel is a living symbol of this atmosphere and faith.



Holt Memorial Chapel, situated at about the center of the campus, is also a center of activities of the Home for Children. The auditorium, in which Superintendent Snyder is shown addressing a group of the children, is used for church services, chapel exercises, and other gatherings. In addition the basement has been fitted up as a Child Care Center and is in use daily.

Activities & Interests Of The Young People

The numerous activities which daily claim the interest of the boys and girls at our Home for Children astound most of us, even parents, who should be accustomed to such displays of energy.

Sometimes staff members at the Home confess amazement at the range of the interests of the youngsters. Each child, of course, gets certain duties as she or he gets ready for them. The life at the Home is one of increasing responsibilities. School work and chores are to the children what a job or a business is to adults. The children perform their after-school and before-school chores and attend classes and study. In the vacation periods there are more chores. Also there is more time for recreation.

Just as adults — the children remember best the extra-curricular activities of the summer rather than taking care of the cattle, helping in the gardens and on the farm, mowing grass, cleaning windows, and other activities they classify as "work." There are combinations of play and work in the holiday period. They would classify as a holiday, for example, a journey to Mebane to pick tomatoes. Rev. John Wilder, the new minister of our Mount Zion church near Mebane arranged such a trip this year. Another such trip, involving work, was to a peach orchard, arranged by Mr. T. C. Auman of West End. The superintendent took several boys to the orchard on two occasions to pick peaches and brought home 97 bushels. These were processed for freezing and canning by the girls under the supervision of housemothers.

For three years the Hendersonville church has made arrangements for trips to apple orchards in that apple-growing area. Such trips provide high times for the boys who go along and the work of gathering fruit or other products is looked upon as "incidental" by the youngsters.

On campus in the summer there is recreation, too. The swimming pool is occupied whenever it is available. Boys and girls ride the ponies, play games, get invited away for week ends, for longer visits, and some of the older children are allowed to accept off-campus jobs during the summer. Some of our children do so well in school they are sought after for summer effort. Peggy Coggins, for example, who is a junior at Western Alamance High, won a typing scholarship given by the National Secretaries Association, and spent the summer attending Burlington Business College. Billy Joe Lambert worked last summer for a painting company, acquiring skills which he was able to use "on campus" when time came for some renovating.

It is the policy of the Home to allow rising senior boys and girls the privilege of working outside the Home. Such work helps them choose a career or influences them in a decision on whether to go to work or to college after high school.

In the nine months of school study takes precedence over most every other activity. But the boys always find time for football, too. The Home has boys on varsity and junior varsity football teams at Western High, at Elon Elementary, and even on the midget team sponsored by rado station WBAG. The Home has 29 students attending Western High, riding to and from the school on school buses. Other of its pupils attend the elementary school which is near the campus and consequently only a short walk for them.

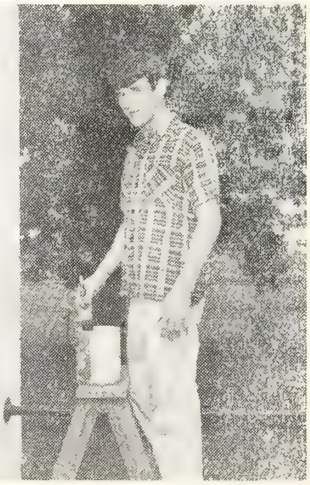
The superintendent of the Home is a frequent visitor to the schools — during football season, arriving about the time for afternoon scrimmage. He may turn up at both schools in a single afternoon. The boys like to have him watch them play.

No one could keep up with all the activities of the children. And something new seems to be added daily, no matter what the season. There may be a time when everybody seems to want a pet. Girls may decide — all at once — that they want to sew. For a while our seamstress is over-run with helpful girls, who are excited over patterns, new designs, and want to become great designers.

Boys, who have an inexhaustible inventiveness for self-entertainment, sometimes come up with proposals which astound everybody. Last summer several decided to try their hands at cooking. In a thrice, Mrs. Nova Lambert, the food service manager, had half a dozen helpers in kitchen and dining room at Wisseman Cottage. By all accounts, even in the opinion of the girls, they proved to be good cooks. Mrs. Lambert had the six boys, Phil Bolton, Donald and Robert Cowan, Bobby Byrd, Ronnie Skipper, and Floyd Rich, in kitchen and dining room for two months. The arrangement worked so well that she suggested another training period, and everybody was surprised by the quickness of volunteering.

Even on the dullest tasks the boys and girls at the Home have a way of turning them into contests, or entertainment, or a time for good natured raillery and fun.

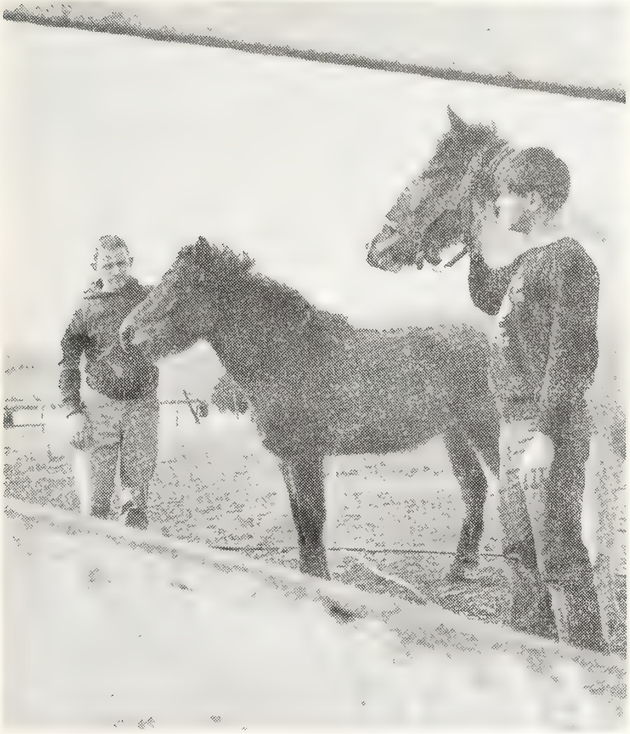
Peggy Coggins, who won a National Secretaries Association typing scholarship at Western High last spring and attended Burlington Business College this summer.



Billy Joe Lambert, utilizing on campus the painting know-how he developed in "on the job training" by working for a painting company during the summer.

Ava Turner, one of the Home's candy stripers at Memorial hospital in Burlington. She is also head cheer leader of the Junior Varsity football team at Western High. Several of the girls serve as candy stripers at the hospital.

Sewing and ironing now; high fashions later! Mrs. Mary Beck, the seamstress at the Home, gives a pointer to Melinda King. Meantime, Dianne Cates is busy at her ironing.



The Home for Children has three ponies for the girls and boys to ride, a small one for the younger children, another of medium size for its junior boys and girls, and a larger one for the older children. The boys share in the responsibility for the animals as well as in the pleasure of riding them. Wayne Anderton and Floyd Rich are shown with two of the ponies. The photograph was taken during the cold weather in the year when the ponies had their "winter coats."

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A HOUSEMOTHER

By Mrs. Corinne Harris

Johnston Hall No. 1

Up each morning at 5:30, dress, and make up my bed. Call 17 boys at 6:10. Knock on each door, "Get up boys. Get ready for breakfast. Be sure to put your clothes out to wash."

6:25 yell up upstairs, "Let's go, boys, bring the shirt rack down." With breakfast over, back to routine on hall.

"Come on, Bill. You didn't do a good job of sweeping yesterday."

"Well, so what?" "Why don't you do it for a change?"

"O. K., boys, let's get busy. Soon, time to leave for school."

8:10 — Boys off to school. Housemother gets busy. Drys and folds clothes, then does a million other things during the day. After lunch, I rest and watch TV about an hour. Up again to be ready to answer questions when they get home from school.

3:30 — Some of the boys arrive. Others are playing football. Jack and Mark come in hot and tired. They are the ironers. "How many boys forgot to unbutton shirt collar and have two shirts out today?" The fun starts when they begain to tell which boys will have to iron a shirt.

I hurry the boys to get into work clothes. Some get to ironing, others cut grass, haul refuse, help Mr. Perkins. If they have enough time, they may get to run a few football plays before supper.

Advice flows freely from the Housemother:

"Bob, get in that shower and clean your heels. They are black."

"Ted, please put soap on the back of your neck. I can't clean your shirt collar with Clorox. So, scrub hard."

"Get out of this hall with nothing on but briefs. Shame on you, David. You didn't even get your hair wet in the shower."

By now it's Friday after dinner. Everyone is talking at the same time:

"May I ride horses?"

"May I date?"

"Can I go bowling?"

"Gimme a razor blade."

"May Tim, Bill, and Jack and I go up town to get snacks to eat tonight while we watch TV?"

"Yes, you may go, but you will have to help do those dirty ball suits."

"Do I have to? Why me?"

"Jack, you can't go skating."

"Why not? I've been good all week so I could go."

"All right, go, but be home by eleven."

"Hurry boys, let's get going before she changes her mind."

"Boys, do you have your shoes shined for Sunday? Pants pressed. Hair washed?"

"Hurry now. Be ready by 9:30. Can't be late for S. S."

Back home, some dating, riding horses, playing ball, watching TV, girls calling on phone, Housemother trying to write a few letters, getting up and down, making change for drinks, which takes us to bedtime.

House mother's day off, trying to rest and read. Knock, knock on door. John needs pencils, Tom, pen, Bill, shaving cream. Close door quietly, back to bed. Knock, knock. Lunch tickets, ruler, paper, mail these letters, I need last night's paper, give Jed two aspirins. Leave door open. No one needs anything else.

Off to school again. Back about 3:30 except ball players They come in around 7.

All set now for two hours of hard study which brings us to 10 o'clock and lights out.

At the end of any day for a Housemother, she falls in bed hoping everybody sleeps all night.

studies. Remedial reading also has been taught in the past. The cultural side of their lives must not be forgotten either. One of our members has taught ballroom dancing to a number of the boys and girls who were interested. We hope to arrange trips in the future which will add to their cultural background.

In addition to providing financial support for all these activities, we hope we are providing a little love, warmth, and understanding to these wonderful young people. When we are with them, they are treated as we treat our own children. They are given the same attention we give our own and they are disciplined when needed—not very often I must add! We know most of the boys and girls by their first names and they usually will say upon seeing a familiar Service League member's face, "Oh, you're the lady who took us bowling or skating," etc. We know we are remembered by these young people and we know we can never forget them. They hold very special places in the hearts of Service League girls who have worked and played with them, and we sincerely hope the Service League finds a small niche in their hearts in return. What a wonderful feeling it is to know we are truly needed by a very special group of boys and girls, and what a pleasure it is to be a small part of their busy lives.

The Annual Homecoming And New Officers Elected

The annual homecoming for alumni and friends of Elon Home for children was held April 25 at the Home with more than 300 persons in attendance. It consisted of exercises in Holt Chapel on the campus, a business meeting, and a picnic served by the Home.

Daniel S. Walker of Burlington was elected president of the Alumni Association, George Morningstar, also of Burlington, a student at Wake Forest college, was elected vice president, and Miss Ruth Miller, anesthetist at Alamance County hospital in Burlington was named secretary. Superintendent W. W. Snyder of the Home was elected treasurer. Mr. Walker is manager of the Big Bear Supermarket in Burlington.

Dr. Eugene Hooks, Athletic Director of Wake Forest, was the principal speaker at the meeting at Holt Chapel and discussed the part athletics play in the life of a person, a home, and a church. Devotions were given by the children of the Home and by Superintendent Snyder.

At the business session reports were made by various alumni committees. Clyde W. Rudd of Greensboro announced that the indebtedness on the swimming pool should be liquidated by the end of the current year. The project, which gave the children of the Home a handsome pool, was sponsored by the Alumni Association.

AT HOMECOMING. New officers of the Alumni Association of Elon Home for Children photographed on the steps of Holt Chapel after the annual election. From left to right, Miss Ruth Miller, secretary; George Morningstar, vice president, Daniel S. Walker, president; Dr. Eugene Hooks, Homecoming speaker; Mrs. Snyder, wife of the Superintendent, and Mr. Snyder, treasurer.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A HOUSEMOTHER

By Mrs. Freda Weaver
Johnston Hall No. 2

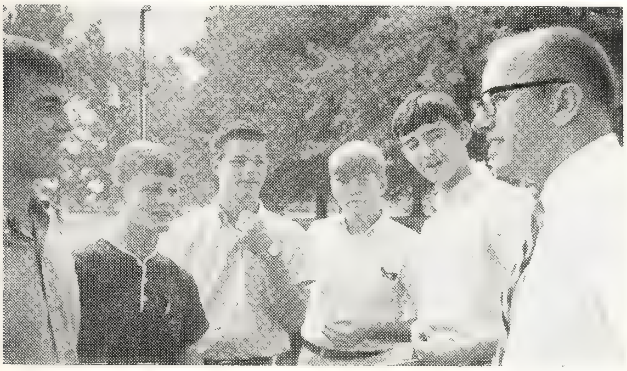
B-ring-ring-ring goes the alarm clock,
"No! No!" say the boys
"Yes! Yes! Yes!" say I to them
"No time for games, pranks or toys.
Time to get up, put your shoes on.
Make your bed, be in haste.
We must be on our way
With grumbling or with grace,
It's now that we face another day."

So begins another day at Johnston Hall Dormitory for boys at Elon Home for Children. When I am relieving on the Junior Boys' side of the "dorm," I tell them to dress first and then make the beds. Even so, when it's time to go to breakfast, there's usually one last boy, fully dressed except for his shoes. "I can't find them," he says. "Someone must have taken them." Of course, he nearly always finds them exactly where he had left them, in the TV room under a chair.

Then, rain or shine, we go across to Wisseman Cottage to the dining room for the morning meal, then back to chores and dressing for school. Then again the same routine has to be gone through; holding back the "eager beavers" who are anxious to go and speeding up the lingering ones. There's a lot of lively chatter, plus a few squabbles, school books to look for and then as the last ones leave, there's a momentary feeling of relief.

Plunging into the day's chores, doing over some that the boys did too hastily, and consequently, not too well. I soon get used to the quiet their departure has created. Laundry, mail, odd chores, mending, pressing, meetings, etc. and soon it's time for the children. "I'm home!" they say, when they come in. It's good to hear them and realize that it means something to a child to have someone to say that to when coming in from school. Play and chores in the field are on till suppertime. Some watch TV with "Superman" being a big favorite. Some show me their little treasures or notes from school. Ricky brings little bunches of flowers and Danny shows me his latest invention. Then supper, more play, then baths and study hall. The smaller ones retire early and beg for stories, which I manage when I can, they seem to enjoy them so. The older ones watch TV or read till bedtime then it's "lights out." Sometimes there's a little talk here and there, some whispering in the dark, but soon it is quiet, and peace settles down over Johnston Hall.

Students of high school age at Elon Home for Children attend Western Alamance High school. A total of 29 boys and girls are enrolled in Western this year. They go to school and return by bus. This photograph shows some of our students hurrying to their cottages after school. They are, left to right, Ray King, Susan Luke, Donald Cowan, Bobby Byrd, Peggy Coggins, John Pruette, Phil Bolton, Connie Schnederle, Ervin Williams, and Floyd Rich.



This informal after-school caucus with Superintendent Snyder may be on afternoon work assignments, but we rather think somebody is getting the lowdown on Western High's chances to win the next football game. The boys are, l-r, James Wallace, Lee West, Dennis West, Ray King, and John Pruette.

Fence mending and fence building are among the chores at the Home for Children. Wherever boys gather there are always tests of strength. A roll of wire is heavy and Irvin Williams and Donald Cowan can't resist showing how powerful they are — for the benefit of the other fence builders, left to right, Herbert Parker, Robert Cowan, Eugene Ray, Charles Parker, Ronnie Skipper, and James Wallace.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A HOUSEMOTHER

By Mrs. Bertha Phillips
Wisseman Cottage

My day begins by getting the girls up in time for breakfast. I like to go to each room and call the girls by name, telling them it is time to dress for breakfast.

After breakfast each girl has her job to do. Then, she gets her room as straight as she has time. There is a lot of changing clothes with each other before the girls are ready for school. The four smaller girls usually need advice on what to wear. Sometimes their selections aren't too good.

After the girls leave for school, there are lots of clothes to be washed, and the building to be gone over to see that everything is in order.

I like to get things done so I can have time to meet the girls when they come home. They like to come in and relax for a little while and tell you the things that happened at school. There are times when a girl likes to talk to you alone about a problem, so you always try to find time to talk to her.

After supper we all try to be quiet so a girl has a chance to do her homework.

I make a lot of trips taking children to the doctor or other places. These trips take a lot of a Housemother's time, but they have good points too. They give you some time to be alone with the child. I also take the children on shopping trips, so they can select their shoes and other clothes. These trips are usually a lot of fun, just to see the children happy in selecting their things.

Another time when you see a child happy is when she has been invited to spend a week end with a friend or a sponsor There is a lot of excitement in getting ready. Then there is usually a lot for her to tell when she returns.

One of the things I enjoy is when the children gather in my room and everybody sits and talks. It often lasts until we have to go to bed.

There are a lot of happy times in the work. Of course, there are many instances when things don't always go like we would like for them to. We become discouraged at times and feel like we have failed, but then something will happen that makes us feel better — a child may write you a note, or say or do something nice for you. These small things can be a real inspiration after a busy day.

Rooms in the new cottages at the Home for Children are comfortable, light, airy, and kept spotlessly clean. Furniture is attractive and bathroom arrangements are based on the room accommodations. Rooms vary in size from single, to those occupied by two, three, and more girls. A three-girl bedroom is shown in this photograph where Susan Rogers, left, and Thelma Byrd are shown in a prebedtime girl-talk session. Notice the dolls and other bed decorations.

The Rotary Club And The Elon Home

By J. Ernest Roberts
President, Burlington Rotary Club
Past President, Alamance-Caswell Dental Society

The support given to the Elon Home for Children is one of the most important and the most enjoyable projects of the Burlington Rotary Club. We usually contribute about $2,000 per year. Each member is asked to give according to his own ability and according to his own desire. Although the average donation is $20 a member, some of the checks are for many times this amount. Regardless of the size, we feel that the gift is more from the heart than it is from the pocket book.

The entire Rotary Club visits and dines with the children and staff members at the Elon Home each year. The boys and girls are responsible for presenting the annual program. We are delightfully entertained with their songs, their speeches and plays. Each year we look forward to this most enjoyable occasion.

As a member of the Alamance-Caswell Dental Society I have had the opportunity of working with the children from the Elon Home for Children for many years. We are happy to offer this dental service to such a fine, cooperative and deserving group of young folks. Good behavior is so important and so obvious in the dental office. The child from the Elon Home is noticeably better adjusted to accept the dental procedures than the child from the average home. Because they appear to enjoy their dental experiences, we look forward to seeing them every six months.

There is a lower incidence of decay after the rehabilitation of their mouths. There are good and obvious reasons for this. The children are not allowed to consume large quantities of candy, soft drinks and other enamel destroying sweets. They know that they should and must brush their teeth regularly. This good oral hygiene habit is accepted and practiced with the other responsibilities of personal care.

The New Staff Caseworker

Miss Ann Jones, a graduate of Campbell College, was employed as a caseworker on the staff of the Home for Children, effective September 1. She will work with the Home for a year. At the end of the period she plans to enter the School of Social Work to work toward her Master's degree and continue with the Home on a part-time basis. After she receives her degree, Miss Jones plans to return to the Home to work full-time.

Among her present duties is counseling the boys and girls about their checking accounts, what money they receive, and how they spend it.

The Home and the children are fortunate to have the services of Miss Jones, who has had social service training in areas important to children as they adjust to institutional living and the changes brought in their lives through admission to an institution.

Social service work at the Home includes, also, working with the families of the children to help them in their problems.

Miss Ann Jones, the new caseworker at the Home for Children, advising Dennis West and Donald Cowan. Both seem to be enjoying the interview!

The Group Child Care Project

Child care, as we all know, is much more than providing food, clothing, and shelter, for today's child — like those of former years — needs love, understanding, and guidance whether his home is with his parents or in an institution such as the Elon Home for Children.

The changing times and the changing problems of children require ever-increasing knowledge and ability on the part of staff members. At the Home for Children, every opportunity for training is accepted by the staff and the superintendent arranges special advantages in staff training in this area so that the children may benefit.

One of these opportunities is made possible by the Home's membership in the Group Child Care Project of the Southeastern Child Care Association and the School of Social Work of the University of North Carolina. This is a unique voluntary association of child care institutions and agencies which have banded together to obtain staff training, consultation, and research to assist them in their services to the children.

Through this organization, the Home is visited each year for five days by one of the Projects's consultants and is given a written report of his observations and conclusions. The time he spends with the institution is used in any way the institution wishes. He is really a staff member while there and although he is used mostly for staff training, his advice and counsel are available on any problem the superintendent may wish to have him consider.

Also valuable is the study service provided by the Group Child Care Project. Usually, this service consists of a visit with the staff and time with the children to determine the way in which their needs are being met and a plan for strengthening the work. The research program also is important and valuable. For example, the Project is engaged in a research project entitled "Factors Conducive to the Restoration of Parenting to the Child" in which the families of children are studied and information received is related to family problems, administrative practices of the institution, and many other phases of a chld's life in an institution.

Burlington Junior Woman's Club Has Program For The Boys

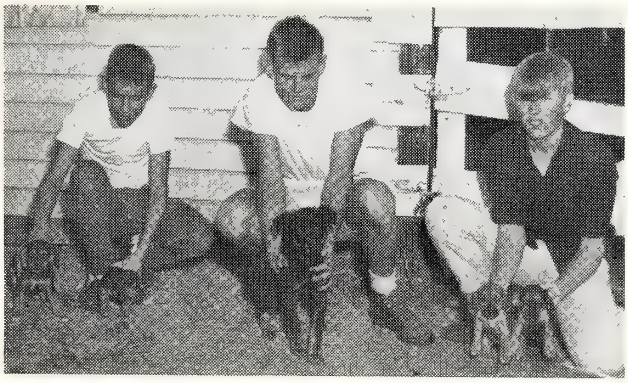
Mrs. J. O. Gold

For the past year, the 38 members of the Burlington Junior Woman's Club have become "Mothers" to 14 boys from Elon Home for Children.

Our main goal is to let the boys know we are sincerely interested in their activities, their hopes, and their dreams. We would like for them to feel that they can be a part of family life. Most of the boys have visited in our homes, either for an afternoon or for week ends. These visits have always been pleasant, both for the boy and the family. The boys seem to fit into the family's way of life without appearing ill at ease. There have been no reports of difficulties involved in having the boys visit in the members' homes. It is most important for them to be in a home and observe the normal moments of happiness, confusion, and even anger. These are emotions experienced by all families and the visitors need opportunities to see what their life may be like after they leave the Home. While the boys are in our homes, we discipline them just as we do our own children. We are happy to say there has been no resentment because of this. They know that our interest is genuine when we care enough to correct them.

Every three weeks the boys are entertained by a different group of girls. One of our Club members has access to an airplane and has taken them for rides. This is a thrill to them, as would be expected. They have been to movies, bowling, skating, and to horse shows. On two different occasions weiner roasts were planned at some member's home. The cost involved in this entertainment is very little. The managements of the skating and bowling rinks and also movies have been most cooperative in the free use of their facilities. Everyone knows that eating is a favorite pastime among boys. They especially enjoyed a picnic at the Home last spring. The majority of the Club membership attended, with their husbands and children and baskets laden with good things to eat. After lunch the boys showed the members' children around the campus grounds and several of our children were able to ride the pony provided by the Home. The boys seemed eager to show us around and to entertain our children.

On the first of each month the boys receive from the Club an allowance of 75 cents each. They are most appreciative of this money and anxiously await their "pay day." When we started giving them an allowance we explained that the money would be theirs to spend as they wished. However, we did encourage them to use it wisely. Even though youngsters are inclined to spend money on what may seem like foolish things to adults, we feel that the boys being responsible for a small amount of money will prove advantageous in the future.



Of course there are pets on campus. Children everywhere have dogs, cats, pigeons, and the like. The Home draws the line at parakeets, love birds and canaries, fortunately, or unfortunately, depending upon how one looks at it. Here are some boys with puppies, Danny Pegram, Tom Wallace, and Ray King, reading from left to right.

We also like to remember this group with cards and letters on their birthdays and on holidays. In addition to the sponsors' sending cards each month, a group of three girls are responsible for sending cards and letters to a list of boys. This means that there is a double check on the boys and everyone should receive attention when needed. Approximately 100 cards and about 20 letters have been sent to date. There are times when various members of the Club drop by the Home for a short visit with the boys. They always seem happy to see us and are anxious to know what they will be doing on their next outing. We make a point of inquiring about their school work and offering encouragement. It helps them to know that someone is interested in their progress.

The Junior Woman's Club devoted approximately 1,000 hours to our Elon Home for Children project in 1965 and 100 per cent of our membership participated. This, we feel, was not enough and we hope to give more time next year. This is a very rewarding project for us. We know we are serving our Community well when we help its children who are less fortunate than our own.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A HOUSEMOTHER

By Mrs. Roxie Walton

Montgomery Cottage

My day begins at 5:30 in the morning. The first thing I do is to put on a pot of coffee. Then, I call all the girls. They all get up and start their day. They usually get their beds made and do part of their cleaning before breakfast. All days are not alike. You never know one day what the next day will bring. I couldn't begin to put down on paper just what does happen in one day.

This day in mind was quite a busy one. The washing to do for all the girls, plus answering the telephone. Also, aside from the chores for the children, I took one of our Housemothers to the doctor. Then, I finished my laundry. By that time, it was time to start our evening meal. Then, as soon as Tina came in the door I had to get her in her best clothes for she had to rush right down to Johnston Hall for some pictures to be made. As she was about to go out the door, I noticed that her slip was about two or three inches too long. Then, I had to hunt for safety pins to get her all pinned up. Then, she starts out the front door and has to come back for a raincoat.

While all this was going on, I was trying to keep fish frying, plus running to answer the phone and getting drink money for the children to get Pepsi's with. Also, another one to get ready for a weekend visit with her mother.

We finally finished our meal and some went out to play while others watched TV. Some cleaned up the kitchen.

There is a joy in a Housemother's work plus a few heartaches. One last remark — there is never a dull moment.

The Jaycees And The Elon Home

By Paul Crowson
President, Burlington Jaycees

The Jaycee Creed is a 66-word expression of basic beliefs which would be adaptable for good citizens generally. One line reads, "We believe that service to humanity is the best work of life." This should explain the Jaycee interest and service to the Elon Home for Children, but this is an answer only in part. Acceptance and practice of this philosophy would seem satisfied by work with the young men and young women residing at the Home in Elon. It is, partially, but the Jaycee relationship with the Children's Home transcends this concept of service. During an annual shopping tour, it is difficult to determine whose eyes sparkle the most . . . the Jaycees' or the youngsters'. Or on a Jaycee's second trip, the importance he feels when he is remembered by one of the children and rquested as a chaperone again. Which one of our members has ever taken Grover and attempted to instruct him on behavior and ever been able to erase him from memory?

The little blonde girl on one of our shopping sprees admiring the beautiful baby doll and observed by a Burlington citizen who asked very tenderly, "Do you like that doll?" The eager and sparkling eyes of the little girl as she hugged the doll just presented her by a good citizen. These observations bring a lump in the throat of the Jaycee chaperone, not out of gratitude to the man, but out of the closeness and love of the Jaycees for the children.

Our annual dinner meeting with the Home is a high point in our program. The hosts and hostesses are just wonderful and the food is delicious. We hope they look forward to seeing us as much as we enjoy coming.

When one of the Jaycees is conducted on a tour of the barn and introduced to the animal life at the Home, he feels as though he is an important individual in the order of things.

The children at the Home have very modern and efficient quarters and develop a maturity and sense of understanding that is desirable among all youth and this is recognized by a Jaycee as he is proudly conducted on a tour. He reflects on the happiness that he gains by the acquaintance he has just acquired.

These observations, without continuity, are meant to illustrate the relationship of the Jaycees and the children at the Elon Home. Perhaps it may sound like a mutual admiration society and maybe that is a suitable definition.

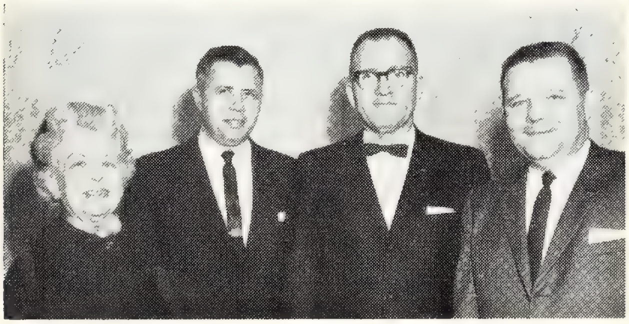
Who helps whom and what does it matter? We just hope it continues indefinitely and will always be considered a draw. This will be enough to maintain our belief that service to humanity is the best work of life.

Come what may, stock has to be fed, chores done, and the farm work kept up. The Home has a very fine herd of Hereford cattle. Charles Parker, left, Eugene Ray, John Pruette, and Floyd Rich had the feeding detail at the time this photograph was made last winter.

New Board Of Trustees Officers

Mrs. J. H. McEwen of Burlington is president of the Board of Trustees of Elon Home for Children, the first woman to hold that office in the history of the institution. She was elected at the annual meeting of the board last fall. Other officers elected were Dr. W. D. Rippy, vice president, and William M. Alexander, secretary. Clyde W. Rudd is immediate past-president. The officers and Mr. Rudd constitute the executive committee of the board.

Mrs. McEwen is a member of a family which traditionally has been close to the Home and active in its support. Her father, the late W. K. Holt, was chairman of the board in the early 1920's and her brother, the late Vitus Holt, was chairman for a number of years. Mrs. McEwen has been a member of the board since 1946.



NEW OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. From left, Mrs. J. H. McEwen, President; Dr. W. D. Rippy, vice president; Clyde W. Rudd, immediate past president; and William M. Alexander, secretary.

Meal Planning & Checking

Purchasing and checking of menus claim the attention of administrative staff members at the Home for Children. Menus are prepared in advance by the food service department and then are looked over by Superintendent Snyder, left, and Assistant Superintendent Biggerstaff. The Home uses the services of Mrs. Georgia Kannon, food consultant of the State Board of Health, who relates diet requirements, nutrition, and seasonable produce supplies.

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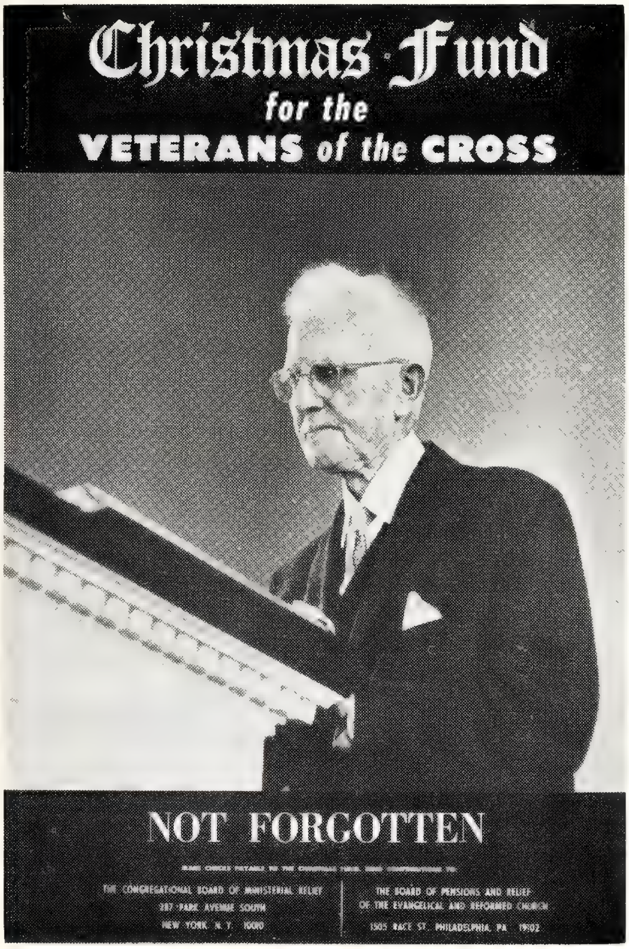
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The 1965 Christmas Fund

To see to it that they are not forgotten, in its sixty fourth year, the Christmas Fund makes its appeal on behalf of the Veterans of the Cross. We rejoice that the appeal is made to the whole United Church. The services of the Fund are extended through the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief and the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Christmas Fund cares for retired ministers and their wives and for the widows of these men. For many of these retirees, pensions based on small salaries, or rendered less in purchasing power by inflation, are inadequate in times of emergency and crisis. The Christmas Fund goes into action with Christmas checks and with a year round ministry of emergency grants.

The 1964 Christmas Fund was the best in history. Because of this, emergency needs have been met. The resulting expressions of gratitude testify to the necessity for and the effectiveness of the ministry performed.

You will want to participate this year. Do it directly or through your church. Look for the poster and for the Christmas Fund leaflet. Send contributions to The Christmas Fund, The Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, 287 Park Avenue South, New York, N. Y., 10010; or to the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19102. Make checks payable to The Christmas Fund.

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WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
/KJ

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
/RSV

Make ye ready the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
/Phillips

According to geometry, the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. The work of the Lord requires straight paths . . . there is no time for wandering about in circles. One of the tasks of the church is to unwind the crookedness of the pathway called life so that harmful and wasteful bends and twists might be eliminated.

Occasionally the road has bumps in it. Sometimes it becomes confusing as the four-leaf clovers of sin try to divert us to the highways of perdition. In the faith-relationship nurtured by the church community these four-leaf clovers can be marked. Danger signs can be put up.

Bumps and confusing turns require attentive effort to smooth and straighten or avoid. Life is made straight only when the map of the gospel is used for direction. There we can find sound instructions for ending up at our destination.

Durham Dialogue

On Reformation Sunday, October 31, a sermon dialogue was presented at the morning worship service of the Congregational Christian Church (UCC) of Durham. The subject of the dialogue was **Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation.** With the pastor of the church, the Rev. Richard L. Jackson, was Dr. Hans Hillerbrand, Associate Professor of Modern Church History at Duke Divinity School, sharing in the service. Dr. Hillerbrand is author of the book "The Reformation," a Religious Book of the Month Club selection early this year.

Dr. Mowry Of California At Elon

Dr. George E. Mowry, dean of the division of social sciences at the University of California at Los Angeles, who is recognized as one of the outstanding authorities on the progressive movement in modern American history, spoke on the Elon College campus on Wednesday night, November 3rd.

Dr. Mowry, who came to the Elon campus as the second speaker of the year under the Visiting Scholars Program of the Piedmont University Center, spoke in Whitley Auditorium, lecturing on the subject of "Progressivism Reconsidered."

The guest lecturer began his teaching career at the University of Wisconsin in 1937 and has taught at the University of North Carolina, Mills College, University of Iowa and at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he joined the faculty in 1950 and became department chairman in 1955 and dean of social sciences in 1958. He has also been visiting professor at Oxford University, University of Strassbourg, University of Rennes, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the University of Marseilles abroad.

He holds membership in the American Historical Association, the Mississippi Valley Historical Society, Society of American Historians and Organization of American Historians, having served as president of the last-named group.

Among the books he has published are "Theodore Roosevelt and the Progressive Movement," "The Era of Theodore Roosevelt," "The Federal Union" and "The Urban Nation." He also was co-author of "American Society and the Changing World" and has contributed numerous articles to historical magazines.

Elon College is privileged to have many outstanding educators on its campus through the Visiting Scholars Program of the Piedmont University Center, a cooperative effort of the Colleges of North Carolina.

Former PF Leader Active In UCCF

John Kernodle, second semester junior at Duke University and finance chairman for the national United Campus Christian Fellowship, was elected a vice-chairman of the national UCCF Executive Committee at a meeting held in Evanston, Illinois, in September.

Mr. Kernodle is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John R. Kernodle of Burlington and served as a Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship officer during his high school years.

Prof. W. H. Cartwright Speaks At Elon

The Liberal Arts Forum of Elon College sponsored the appearance of Professor William H. Cartwright on Tuesday evening, November 2nd, when he lectured on the subject "Teachers for America."

Professor Cartwright, one of the nation's most eminent historians of education, is presently a professor of education and the chairman of the education department at Duke University. He has written and edited numerous works and was very prominent in the Conant Commission's study of American education. While he was serving in the United States Army (1945-1946), he received a commendation ribbon for historical writing.

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Birthdays Of Young People At The Elon Home

NAME—HOMETOWN	BIRTHDATE
Donald Anderton—Suffolk, Va.	6-26-52
Leslie Anderton—Suffolk, Va.	12-26-53
Wayne Anderton—Suffolk, Va.	1-17-50
Tina Anderton—Suffolk, Va.	9- 9-55
Patsy Beamon—Durham, N. C.	3-20-49
Shelia Beamon—Durham, N. C.	2-27-51
Darnell Beckley—Burlington, N. C.	8- 3-51
Grover Beckley—Burlington, N. C.	7-12-53
Earl Bolton—Burlington, N. C.	9-16-54
Mary Lou Bolton—Burlington, N. C.	1-14-56
Phil Bolton—Burlington, N. C.	1-27-49
Phyllis Bradner—Burlington, N. C.	7-27-55
Richard Brady—Portsmouth, Va.	2-27-51
Bobby Bird—Suffolk, Va.	10-21-47
Thelma Byrd—Portsmouth, Va.	2-23-53
Dianne Cates—Durham, N. C.	9-16-50
Ann Chrisco—Burlington, N. C.	7-12-54
Patty Chrisco—Burlington, N. C.	9-13-53
Roger Chrisco—Burlington, N. C.	5-11-53
Peggy Coggins—Sanford, N. C.	6-22-47
Donald Cowan—Norfolk, Va.	6-17-47
Robert Cowan—Norfolk, Va.	11- 7-48
Chipper Cox—Graham, N. C.	8-16-52
Cathy Holland—Norfolk, Va.	3-25-54
Jimmy Holland—Norfolk, Va.	10-15-56
Gail Homan—Burlington, N. C.	7-27-55
Sue Hutson—Greensboro, N. C.	12-27-50
Mary Ann Kernodle—Burlington, N. C.	10-24-52
Cheryl King—Suffolk, Va.	9-20-55
Melinda King—Suffolk, Va.	12-31-49
Ray King—Suffolk, Va.	8-17-48
Billy Jo Lambert—Burlington, N. C.	11- 6-46
Jessie Lassiter—Suffolk, Va.	1- 5-50
Susan Luke—Suffolk, Va.	5-26-48
Angelia Lunsford—Burlington, N. C.	10-20-50
Brenda Kay McFatter—Burlington, N. C.	11-11-48
Elton Medlin—Sanford, N. C.	1-12-54
Janice Medlin—Sanford, N. C.	9-21-51
Peggy Medlin—Sanford, N. C.	9- 9-50
Sue Medlin—Sanford, N. C.	10-14-49
Phyllis Morningstar—Burlington, N. C.	8-28-46
Charles Parker—Isle of Wight, Va.	3-24-51
Wayne Payne—Suffolk, Va.	9-24-58
Danny Pegram—Burlington, N. C.	2-11-52
David Pegram—Burlington, N. C.	10-21-59
David Pruette—Charlotte, N. C.	1-26-55
John Pruette—Charlotte, N. C.	8-28-51
Phyllis Pruitt—Suffolk, Va.	9- 9-51
Elizabeth Ray—Fayetteville, N. C.	2- 1-48
Floyd Rich—Randleman, N. C.	6-28-48
Jerry Rich—Randleman, N. C.	10-19-49
Susan Rogers—Sanford, N. C.	2-28-53
Gail Rudd—Burlington, N. C.	9-14-53
Mike Rudd—Burlington, N. C.	2- 7-55
Connie Schnederle—Elon College, N. C.	11- 6-46
Cynthia Shoe—Burlington, N. C.	5-26-48
Ronnie Skipper—Burlington, N. C.	12- 2-48
Clara Spicer—Suffolk, Va.	1- 2-48
Barbara Tibbs—Suffolk, Va.	1-16-58
Patsy Tibbs—Suffolk, Va.	3- 2-57
Ava Turner—New Hill, N. C.	9-17-49
Ricky Uzzell—Suffolk, Va.	4-30-53
James Wallace—Roxboro, N. C.	4-12-50
Lawrence Wallace—Roxboro, N. C.	3-14-52
Tom Wallace—Roxboro, N. C.	2- 5-49
Jimmy Wells—Isle of Wight, Va.	3-13-52
Dennis West—Cameron, N. C.	6-13-49
Lee West—Cameron, N. C.	8 -3-51
Margaret West—Cameron, N. C.	8- 6-53
David Williams—Raleigh, N. C.	10- 3-54
Eddie Williams—Raleigh, N. C.	1-12-59
Ervin Williams—Raleigh, N. C.	2- 6-49
Sandra Williams—Raleigh, N. C.	7-19-51

The Southern Conference Staff

Introducing James W. Morrison

The Reverend James W. Morrison is a native of Moore County, in North Carolina. He attended public schools in Alamance County. Mr. Morrison is a veteran of the Southwest Pacific Theatre of World War II. He is married and the Morrisons have one daughter.

From 1951-1958, as Secretary, and from 1954-1958 as Treasurer in the Lincoln Conference, he served as a leader in the Convention of the South. He is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University at Charlotte (B. A.) and Hartford Theological Seminary in Connecticut (B. D.). Mr. Morrison has attended summer institutes at Fisk University and A & T College.

Since 1953, when he came to serve as pastor for Children's Chapel United Church of Christ in Graham, Mr. Morrison has been active in various roles in church and community work. He is Executive Secretary of the Alamance County Committee on Civic Affairs; member of the Federated Ministerial Association of Alamance County; member of the Graham Housing Board of Appeal. He is a Master Mason.

Mr. Morrison will be serving the Southern Conference as the Conference Associate for Field Work with his office in the Burlington area.

Minutes of the First Meeting of the Southern Conference of the United Church Of Christ, Inc.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1965

The first meeting of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. Incorporated, was held September 30, 1965, in Whitley Memorial Auditorium. Elon College, Elon College, North Carolina. The meeting was called to order by Dr. William T. Scott, Chairman of the Interim Board of the Conference, at 9:50 o'clock A.M., with the following statement:

"Pursuant to a joint letter missive dated August 10, 1965, from the Southern Synod — Banks J. Peeler; Convention of the South — J. Taylor Stanley; Southern Convention — Clyde L. Fields, addressed to each Church and each Minister as provided under **Condition II**, Page 7, Constitution; and pursuant to action of the Interim Board of Directors — **Condition III**, Page 7, Constitution; this first meeting of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ is CALLED TO ORDER.

"We gather in what is perhaps the most unusual meeting of our entire fellowship, certainly in the South. We gather here across former denominational lines and across racial lines. Here assembled, we represent a NEW CONFERENCE aborning — uniting the former Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church with 70 Churches and 16,558 members; the Convention of the South of Congregational Christian Churches, of North Carolina and Virginia with 158 Churches and 16,948 members; and the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches with 186 Churches and 33,613 members in North Carolina and Southern Virginia. We form the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ with 414 Churches and 66,155 members.

"We meet as children of God; as followers of Jesus Christ. In Him we can find adequate answers to all questions. In Him we can unite our hearts and hands to do His will as Christian brethren. As our first act in invoking God's blessings upon this meeting, let us unite our voices in singing the great hymn, 'God of Grace and God of Glory'."

The Rev. Dr. Lonnie A. Carpenter, of Salisbury, North Carolina, led devotions by reading from the 2nd Chapter of Philippians of the New Testament, Verses 1 through 18. Rev. Joshua L. Levens, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Registrar, was recognized, and he reported that 176 ministers, 181 lay delegates and 70 visitors had registered to the hour; and it was thereupon declared, by Chairman Scott, that a quorum was present. Registrar Levens later reported that 198 ministers, 248 lay delegates, and 110 visitors had registered for the Conference. (Appendix A)

Chairman Scott then announced that all official delegates would be seated on the main floor of the Auditorium, and should display their badge as such; that all visitors and non-delegates should be seated in the balcony of the Auditorium. The Chairman also stated that Dr. J. Earl Danieley, Elon College, North Carolina, had been chosen as parliamentarian for this meeting.

Dr. Clyde L. Fields was recognized and made the following announcement of legal status of this Conference which had been received from Hon. Thad Eure, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina:

The articles of consolidation and merger for the church conferences are effective when they are filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and they were filed at 9 o'clock this morning. Effective at 9 o'clock, September 30, 1965, the name became The Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, **Incorporated.**

Thereupon, Dr. Scott duly declared the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Incorporated, as being in legal session.

Rev. Roy E. Leinbach, Jr., Secretary of the Business Committee of the Interim Board of Directors, presented a resolution from this Committee. The following action was thereupon taken:

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That the following persons serve
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their successors are elected:

President .... F
Vice-President ....
Secretary ....
Treasurer ....

and the following persons serve as **co**
1966 Spring Session of the Conference

1. World Ministries ....
2. Church Extension ....
3. Christian Social Action ....
4. Lay Life and Work ....
5. Worship ....
6. Health and Welfare ....
7. Evangelism ....
8. Higher Education ....
9. Christian Education ....
10. Stewardship & O.C.W.M. ..
11. Church and Ministry ....
12. Budget and Finance ....
13. Historical ....

Voted 2

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r. Walter L. Cooper, Burlington, N. C.

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r until their successors are elected:

.... Rev. Carl Wallace
.... Rev. G. Harold Myers
.... Rev. George A. Fidler
.... Mrs. W. D. Gay
.... Rev. F. A. Hargett, Sr.
.... Rev. Lawrence A. Leonard
.... Dr. A. Odell Leonard
.... Dr. J. Earl Danieley
.... Rev. Richard N. Rinker
.... Mr. W. H. Baker
.... Dr. William J. Andes
.... Mr. William W. Greenland
.... Dr. William T. Scott
(Leinbach - French)

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P. 27, 34)

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10. The chairman is charged with the duty of providing a fair and orderly disposition of the business of the Conference. Any ruling of the chair may be appealed by a delegate. An appeal requires a second. A majority vote of the delegates upon the appeal will prevail. (Robert, P. 79, 81)

11. Nominations, whether made by the Nominating Committee or from the floor, need not be seconded. (Robert, P. 263)

12. No speaker shall speak to the same issue more than twice except to answer questions addressed to him from the floor. A maximum of five minutes is allotted to the first speech by any speaker and two minutes to his second speech. Leave to extend the time further shall require a 2/3 vote, without debate, unless granted by common consent.

13. No delegate shall make a nomination from the floor until he has first secured the consent of his nominee. (Leinbach - Schaeffer)

President Melvin Palmer thereupon assumed the chair and received the gavel from Dr. Scott. President Palmer expressed his appreciation to all assembled and stated that we were "here today to give life to the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Incorporated". Dr. J. Earl Danieley, President of Elon College, brought greetings and expressed pleasure to the delegates for having selected the Elon College campus for this initial historic meeting. Appropriate response was made by Mrs. Henry Kennedy, Jr. of Thomasville, North Carolina.

Among visitors recognized were: Dr. Samuel Wiley, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches; Superintendent Charles Beidler of the Nazareth Children's Home; Superintendent Walstein W. Snyder of the Elon Home for Children; Dr. Donald Dearborn, President of Catawba College, and Dr. Banks J. Peeler, Rev. J. Taylor Stanley, and Rev. Joe A. French, former Presidents of the separate judicatories.

Rev. Roy Leinbach then moved the adoption of the printed program as amended, and the following action was taken:

Voted 3 SC, Inc. '65

That the printed program captioned "First Session The Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., Thursday, September 30, 1965, Whitley Memorial Auditorium, Elon College, North Carolina", as amended to reflect special music by the Elon College Singers as immediately following the report of the Business Committee, be received and adopted as the program for the First Session of this Conference. (Leinbach —)

Following this, Rev. W. Judson King, Vice-President, assumed the chair while President Palmer made a report on matters considered by the Steering Committee. After some discussion, the following action was taken:

Voted 4 SC, Inc. '65

That the initial salary range for the Conference Associate Ministers be from $5,500.00 to $7,000.00 and that the salary range for the Conference Minister be from $7,500.00 to $9,000.00; that this Conference initially employ a staff of a Conference Minister, Conference Field Associate, and three Area Administrators, and that the office personnel of the Southern Conference initially be made up of a Secretary to the Conference Ministers and an Assistant Treasurer-Bookkeeper; that the Board of Directors of the Southern Conference determine and fix the functions and duties of the Conference Minister, Conference Field Associate, Area Administrators, Secretary to the Conference Minister, and Assistant Treasurer-Bookkeeper, and that a job analysis therefore be prepared, all in keeping with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. (Palmer-Copple)

Voted 5 SC, Inc. '65

That the office of Director of Christian Education be guaranteed by a vote of the Conference, and that neither the office nor the salary be discontinued for any reason except by a future vote of the entire assembled Conference. (Nauman, Jr. - Morris)

Voted 6 SC, Inc. '65

That the Board of Directors of the Southern Conference choose one member of the Southern Conference staff to have specialized responsibility working in the area of Church Extension with the Conference Coordinator — preferably the Conference Minister to be so chosen. (Palmer - Scott)

Minutes — Southern Conference (Continued)

Voted 7 SC Inc. '65

That the North Carolina Church Builders Club of the Southern Convention, the Church Builders Club of the Southern Synod, the Christian Missionary Association of the Eastern Virginia Conference, and any other organization with similar purpose be requested to merge as soon as possible and become an integral part of the Southern Conference. (Palmer - Patterson)

It was agreed that the reports from the Consolidating Corporations would be considered at this time, and Dr. Clyde Fields stated to the delegates that copies of the Inventory of Assets and Liabilities of said Consolidating Corporations were in the hands of each of the delegates. The Inventory of Assets and Liabilities of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., consisting of eight pages, the Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Southern Synod, Evangelical and Reformed Church, Inc., consisting of three pages and the Inventory of the Convention of the South, consisting of one page, are included as a part of these Minutes and are attached as Appendices B, C, and D, respectively.

Voted 8 SC, Inc. '65

That the Inventories of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., the Southern Synod, Evangelical and Reformed Church, Inc. and the Convention of the South be accepted and delivered to the Board of Directors. (Myers -)

Dr. Fields then read the Proposed Interim Provision for Transition of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., for the period September 30-December 31, 1965, which is attached to these Minutes as Appendix E, and the following action was taken:

Voted 9 SC, Inc. '65

That the three-page document captioned "Proposed Interim Provision for Transition of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc. for the period September 30 - December 31, 1965", be received and accepted (Fields - L. Carpenter)

Mr. William W. Greenland, Chairman of the Budget Committee, Salisbury North Carolina, presented the first reading of the report of his Committee. Dr. J. Earl Danieley, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, made the following report of the Nominating Committee:

Conference Committee on Lay Life and Work

a. "Three Representatives chosen by and from the Women's Felowship"

Mrs. W. D. Gay	Mrs. Henry Kennedy	Mrs. Robert Kimball

b. "Three Representatives chosen by and from the Churchmen's Fellowship"

Robert Baxter	Frank Clapp	Herbert Howard

c. "Nine members at large elected by the Conference . . ." to ". . . include an equal representation of ordained ministers, laymen and laywomen."

Rev. Garland Bennett	Hubert Beane	Mrs. William Alexander
Rev. Larry Fisher	King S. Bishop	Miss Ora Inez Brown
Rev. Joseph Talley	Charles W. Starr	Mrs. S. A. Isenhour

Board of Directors (two nominees for each position)

WESTERN AREA OF NORTH CAROLINA

One Year Term

Laymen	Ministers
Willie F. Everhart	Rev. Marion Jones
Mrs. Van Grimes	Rev. Roy Leinbach, Jr.
Eddie Hargrove	Rev. F. C. Lester
Mrs. Graham Sowers	Rev. Josh L. Levens

Two Year Term

W. L. Buchanan	Rev. James Cress
Frank Clapp	Rev. Nevin Feather
Irwin Smallwood	Rev. Don Leonard
Edgar D. Wilson	Rev. Marlin Schaeffer

EASTERN AREA OF NORTH CAROLINA

One Year Term

Laymen	Ministers
W. B. Cope	Rev. Winfred Bray
J. Earl Danieley	Rev. Joe A. French
I. H. Vickery	Rev. Lawrence Leonard
Frank Wooton	Rev. Lowell A. Smoot

Bible Readings Worldwide

NOVEMBER

DAY		
25 Thanksgiving	Psalms	1
26	Psalms	23
27	Psalms	27
28 1st Advent Sunday	Isaiah	9:2-7
29	Psalms	37
30	Psalms	46

DECEMBER

DAY		
1	Psalms	51
2	Psalms	91
3	Psalms	103
4	Psalms	121
5 2nd Advent Sunday Beg. Univ. Bible Week	Isaiah	40
6	Isaiah	53
7	Isaiah	55
8	Matthew	5
9	Matthew	6
10	Matthew	7
11	Luke	15
12 3rd Advent Sunday Univ. Bible Sunday	John	1:1-18
13	John	1:19-34
14	John	1:35-51
15	John	3
16	John	10
17	John	14
18	John	15
19 4th Advent Sunday	John	17

WORLDWIDE READING
of the CHRISTMAS STORY

20	Romans	8
21	I Corinthians	13
22	Luke	1:5-25
23	Luke	1:26-38
24	Luke	1:[illegible]-80
25 Christmas	Luke	2:1-20

A booklet containing the Christmas Story and a bookmark may be obtained without charge from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022.

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L. T. Wilkins, Jr. Called To Portsmouth

The Reverend L. T. Wilkins, Jr., has accepted a call to serve as pastor and teacher for the United Congregational Christian Church (UCC) of Portsmouth, Virginia. He will begin his pastorate there in mid-November.

Mr. Wilkins goes to the Portsmouth church from a successful ministry at Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ near Liberty. Prior to his service there he also served the Howard's Chapel, Lebanon Semora, and Burlington Lakeview churches.

The Rev. and Mrs. Wilkins, with their daughter, will be living at 215 Charlotte Drive, Portsmouth. Mrs. Wilkins is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Brittle of the Bethlehem Church near Suffolk.

Breakthrough Nationally

More than 6,000 churches are participating in the everychurch visitation phase of the **Breakthrough** program this fall, according to reports from the Stewardship Council of our denomination. In some six regional and ninety-three conference training sessions, 2,000 ministers and laymen have been trained to represent **Breakthrough** in visits to local churches. In the former Southern Convention area, more than one hundred and twenty churches were visited by visitors trained at two training sessions.

Minutes — Southern Conference (Continued)

Two Year Term

Mrs. Hazel Brown	Rev. William J. Andes
Mrs. Robert Kimball	Rev. Willis Joiner
Rex Powell	Rev. William M. Lake
Mrs. Robert Smith	Rev. Leon White

VIRGINIA AREA

One Year Term

Laymen	**Ministers**
Charles Cherry	Rev. R. R. Briggs
Richard Holland	Rev. Carroll Lewis
J. L. Rainey	Rev. Robert Marr
W. R. Savage	Rev. C. Carl Dollar

Two Year Term

W. H. Baker	Rev. Earl T. Farrell
Mrs. Katie Knight	Rev. Raymond T. Grissom
Mills Luter	Rev. Zanda P. Jenkins
Mrs. Frazier O'Leary	Rev. Dwight W. Moore

The following nominations from the floor were made: For Conference Committee on Lay Life and Work — Rev. Donald Leonard, Rev. Ronald Morris, and Rev. W. E. Wisseman; for Board of Directors of Virginia Area for one year term as laymen — Mrs. Robert Bew; for Board of Directors, Virginia area, for one year term as Minister — Rev. John Lackey; for Board of Directors, Virginia Area for two year term as laymen — Mrs. Garland Spratley.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee thereupon submitted the following nominees for staff positions by his Committee: Conference Minister - James H. Lightbourne, Jr.; Conference Field Associate — James W. Morrison; Eastern Virginia Area Administrator — L. Bill Simmons; Eastern North Carolina Area Administrator — Clyde L. Fields; Western North Carolina Area Administrator — Edwin M. Alcorn; and Director of Christian Education — Richard N. Rinker.

Following this nomination, and after an opportunity for nominations from the floor, the following action was taken:

Voted 10 SC, Inc. '65

That the nominations be closed and that the names submitted and printed on the report of the Nominating Committee, along with the staff nominations by the Nominating Committee and the nominations from the floor, be officially placed in nomination. (Scott -)

Rev. Robert Marr, Chairman of the Elections Committee, conducted the distribution of the ballots along with members of his Committee.

Mr. W. H. Baker, Conference Coordinator of Stewardship and O.C.W.M., then made a report on behalf of his Committee and recommended that the Southern Conference adopt "The Stairway of Progress Plan for O.C.W.M. Goals". By this plan, the first step is 10% of local expenses and then moves upward by steps representing 5% of local expenses. The top of the Stairway of Progress is the Ideal Goal — as much for others as for ourselves, dollar for dollar. As a church reaches its new step level, its next goal is automatically just ahead of it. The following action was taken:

Voted 11 SC, Inc. '65

That the report of the Committee on Stewardship and O.C.W.M. be received and adopted and that The Stairway of Progress plan for O.C.W.M. be likewise received and adopted. (Baker-Leinbach)

Rev. Carl E. Wallace, Chairman of the World Ministries Committee, thereupon made his report to the Conference. Rev. Harold Myers, Chairman of the Church Extension Committee, also made his report to the Conference. Rev. George A. Fidler, Chairman of the Christian Social Action Committee, also made his report to the Conference. Rev. Lawrence A. Leonard, Chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee, also made his report to the Conference. The following action was taken in connection with Mr. Leonard's report:

Voted 12 SC, Inc. '65

That each local church of the Conference establish a Committee on Health and Welfare Services and charge the Committee with the responsibility for securing information on all Health and Welfare Agencies and Services available to the citizens of their community and through our Conference and the United Church of Christ. (Leonard - Bray)

Minutes — Southern Conference (Continued)

Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee, made his report to the Conference and the following action was taken after a motion was favorably passed that the report be received:

Voted 13 SC, Inc. '65

That the report of the Christian Education Coordinator, Rev. Richard N. Rinker, as amended by the deletion of the words, "without racial restrictions" as shown in paragraph 3 under Recommendations, be hereby adopted. (Myers-Stanley)

Rev. W. J. Andes, Chairman of Church and Ministry Committee, thereafter made his report to the Conference. Dr. W. T. Scott, Chairman of the Historical Committee, thereupon made his report to the Conference and the following action was taken:

Voted 14 SC, Inc. '65

That the report of the Historical Coordinator be adopted and that it be referred to the Board of Directors for implementation. (Scott-Nance)

Dr. Clyde L. Fields, Chairman of the Collegiate Staff, made the report of the Collegiate Staff to the Conference for the period November 18, 1964, through September 30, 1965. A standing vote of profound appreciation was extended to Rev. Taylor Stanley, Dr. Banks Peeler, and Dr. Clyde L. Fields, for their effort through the period.

Chairman Greenland of the Budget Committee presented the final reading of his committee's report, which is made a part of these Minutes and attached hereto as Appendix F. The following action was thereupon taken:

Voted 15 SC, Inc. '65

That the proposed budget of the Budget Committee, as amended, reflecting a total 1966 O.C.W.M. budget goal of $410,225.00, which includes an additional $10,225.00 under Personnel, be, and the same is hereby received and adopted. (Greenland - Hargrove)

Certain recommendations were made by the Nominating Committee, and the following action was taken:

Voted 16 SC, Inc. '65

That the Board of Directors are hereby directed to appoint members of Conference Committees which may be needed in the interim until the next meeting of the Conference. (Danieley - Myers)

Voted 17 SC Inc. '65

That the Board of Directors serve as a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws for the next meeting of the Conference and that said Board propose an Amendment to Article 6 of the By - Laws to provide a system for the selection of Conference Committees. (Danieley - Stanley)

The following action was taken with regard to the date and place for the Spring Session of the Conference:

Voted 18 SC, Inc. '65

That the Board of Directors be hereby empowered to choose the time and place of the 1966 Session of the Southern Conference.

Rev. George Gay, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the report of his Committee to the Conference. The following action was taken with regard to the report of the Resolutions Committee:

Voted 19 SC, Inc. '65

That the report of the Resolutions Committee be hereby received and adopted by this Conference. (Gay - Scott) (Appendix G)

Following a prayer by Rev. J. Taylor Stanley, Dr. W. T. Scott introduced Dr. Truman B. Douglass, Executive Vice-President of the Board of Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ, who addressed the Conference with an inspiring and meaningful speech on the thesis of "Who Owns the Church?"

The Elections Committee, Rev. Robert Marr, Chairman, reported that the following were duly elected to the Board of Directors for the office, the term and the area set opposite their respective names:

WESTERN AREA OF NORTH CAROLINA

Laymen — One Year Term	**Ministers — One Year Term**
Willie F. Everhart	Rev. Roy Leinbach, Jr.
Mrs. Van Grimes	Rev. F. C. Lester
Laymen — Two Year Term	**Ministers — Two Year Term**
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Ministers And Social Security Changes

Our ministers are affected by several changes made this year in the Social Security law. Here are the areas where changes have taken place:

1. **Medicare.** All men and women now age 65 or over are eligible for Medicare even if a) they have never enrolled in Social Security, or b) they are still hard at work.

In order to qualify, **they must sign up with the Social Security office** prior to March 31, 1966. Failure to register promptly means a delay of two years in coverage and higher premiums.

2. **Men reaching 65 in the future.** Persons reaching age 65 may register in the three months preceding their 65th birthday and **must register within three months after it.**

3. **Persons not presently in Social Security.** While persons who are not in Social Security may register now for Medicare benefits, this is only true until 1968. Only a handful of our ministers are not in Social Security. Congress has extended the period for them to enroll in Social Security until April 15, 1966, but this is their last chance. **If they do not enroll in Social Security now, they will cut themselves off from future Medicare also.**

4. **Disability and blindness.** Regulations liberalized.

5. **Remarried widows and divorcees.** Liberalized benefits.

6. **Students up to age 22.** Benefits continued to age 22 for full-time unmarried students.

7. **Earnings after retirement.** Regulations liberalized.

8. **Qualification for Social Security benefits of persons 72 and over.** Only three covered quarters are now required.

Social Security is not enough. In spite of its many benefits, Social Security does not of itself provide adequate old age protection to the minister and his widow. The General Synod of 1965, like its predecessor bodies, strongly urged all congregations to pay the full 11 percent to the pension boards with respect to the ministers who serve them, to make certain that with Social Security they have adequate retirement income. More churches are doing this in 1965 than ever before — still a few churches do not. We hope you will continue to urge all the churches in your area, especially those calling new ministers, to include in the call a promise to pay the full 11 percent dues to provide annuity.

Committee Named to Review UCC Structure

The Executive Council of the United Church of Christ has named twenty UCC members to serve on the new national Committee on Structure authorized by vote of the 5th General Synod. More than half are lay men and women. Six are ordained ministers. The chairman is Judge Donald W. Webber, associate justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine and former UCC Moderator.

The committee is asked to study the "services and interrelationships" of the national boards and agencies, conferences and General Synod, to formulate proposals for "more effective coordination and delineation of services" and determine which agencies can most effectively carry out particular services.

Loyalty Sunday at Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ, near Liberty, has been having a Loyalty Sunday for the past three years instead of a Harvest Festival. This year this special observance was the most successful so far. Approximately $4,400 was received. The Reverend L. T. Wilkins, Jr., is pastor of the church.

Minutes — Southern Conference (Continued)

EASTERN AREA OF NORTH CAROLINA

Laymen — One Year Term	**Ministers — Two Year Term**
J. Earl Danieley	Rev. Winfred Bray
Frank Wooton	Rev. Lawrence Leonard
Laymen — Two Year Term	**Ministers — Two Year Term**
Mrs. Robert Kimball	Rev. William J. Andes
Rex Powell	Rev. William M. Lake

VIRGINIA AREA

Laymen — One Year Term	**Ministers — One Year Term**
Richard Holland	Rev. C. Carl Dollar
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Laymen — Two Year Term	**Ministers — Two Year Term**
W. H. Baker	Rev. Earl T. Farrell
Mrs. Garland Spratley	Rev. Dwight W. Moore

Committee for Lay Life and Work

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Mrs. William Alexander
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Mrs. S. A. Isenhour

Staff

James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Conference Minister
James W. Morrison, Conference Field Associate
Bill Simmons, Eastern Virginia Area Administrator
Clyde L. Fields, Eastern North Carolina Area Administrator
Edwin M. Alcorn, Western North Carolina Area Administrator
Richard N. Rinker, Minister of Christian Education

Following this report, the officers, including the above Board members, as well as those Board members chosen by and from the Women's Fellowship and by and from the Churchmen's Fellowship, were duly installed by Dr. Douglass.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was duly declared adjourned at 4:25 o'clock P.M. with the benediction by Rev. Melvin Palmer.

John D. Xanthos
Secretary

A Question From Los Angeles

"Why did it happen?" The question was asked by the bewildered proprietor of a burned-out shoestore in the riot area of the Watts district of Los Angeles. "I never cheated one of them," he explained. "If they couldn't pay me for the shoes they bought, I would say, 'Now, that's all right, just come in and pay me when you have it.' That's the way I treated them. And now look!"

With a hopeless sweep of his hand he pointed out not only the burned-out ruins of his own store but also the shattered glass and the unhinged rooftop signs, now listing crazily, of the entire business district of Watts, where for six days last August riots had broken forth.

"How will they ever figure this one out?" he asked, sadly.

But the answer was already clear. Thirty-two percent of the male population of the Watts district had been unemployed at the time of the riots, in many cases because of a lack of education as well as because of racial prejudice. Segregated from the rest of the city, unable to find work, the people of Watts had demonstrated their emotional as well as their physical alienation.

As one of the goals of the new "Target Ahead" phase of **Our Christian World Mission,** the United Church of Christ seeks to support a full-time planning worker in the city of Los Angeles' community-wide goals project — a project which seeks, among many other goals, to alleviate the very injustices which helped to bring about the Watts catastrophe.

Official Biographer Of Robert Frost Speaks At Elon

Dr. Lawrence R. Thompson, an eminent professor of English at Princeton University and who was chosen as the official biographer of Robert Frost, appeared as a lecturer on the Elon College campus, Wednesday, October 27th, appearing under the Visiting Scholars Program of Piedmont University Center.

Acknowledged as one of the outstanding authorities in the world on the life and poetic works of Robert Frost, Dr. Thompson spoke at Elon on the topic, "Some Adventures of a Robert Frost Biographer," bringing in many of his personal experiences while doing intensive research on Mr. Frost who spent his early years in California and then became Robert Frost.

Dr. Thompson, who began his education and career as an instructor at Wesleyan University in 1934, later spent a five-year period as a curator of rare books at the Princeton University Library and then joined the English faculty at Princeton in 1947 as an associate professor of English, advancing to the full professorship rank in 1951.

Dr. Thompson began his work and writing on Robert Frost with the publication of "Robert Frost: A Chronological Survey" in 1936. He later published "Fire and Ice: The Art and Thought of Robert Frost" in 1942 and "Robert Frost: A Critical Study" in 1959.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

On Enlisting

One of the most frustrating experiences for an individual is to be aware of needs which could be easily met if financial support would be made available. Still more frustrating is the knowledge that financial support could be available if men and women would take time to gain some understanding of the needs and their abilities to help meet them by sharing their wealth.

The time has passed for unattentive subscribings to local church budgets by members. We might expect such unattentiveness from people paying for their newspapers each week, or paying the installments on their television sets, or paying for the light bill. To refuse to give serious attention to the mission of the church as it is symbolized in the financial budgets of local churches is to be guilty of bribery. We agree to "pay" if only there is no bother involved. We'd rather not become too involved with where the funds are spent, what needs remain for which our funds are inadequate, and what witness we continue to make through our lack of involvement and inadequacies. The most frightening testimony to this lack of attention can be seen in the response to Our Christian World Mission which is made --- more correctly, not made --- by hundreds of men and women still unaware that such a witness exists in their name and for Christ's sake.

Horizons Limited might well be the epitaph on the tombstone of Christian witness beyond the local church if people go on refusing to enlist in the positive and action-geared mission of the church in the world. For the church must be in the world as a witness to our Lord. It dare not remain confined or protected behind its sanctuary walls Sunday mornings. It has been called --- we have been called --- to carry out a mission and it is in this mission that we must choose to enlist with understanding and outgoing concern. This requires work. If the Christ is worth anything, he is certainly worth our intellectual and physical labors. Confining his worthiness to our spiritual exercises will not successfully testify to our faith in him and in God. Study and the giving of the fruits of our labors go hand in hand with worship.

Enlistment in the Christian cause --- for us, Our Christian World Mission --- is a choice which cannot be avoided. By ignoring it we have made our choice. By refusing to think about it, though we are made aware of its needs, we have chosen. We may not relegate this choice to a committee. No one can fulfill this responsibility for us. It is up to every individual who takes his faith and church seriously to pay not only money but also attention to the opportunities and demands present in the mission of our fellowship to the world. This is a part of the enlistment --- to know what it is we are fighting and how we need to witness if we are to gain a victory. Hunger, infirmity, disease, hatred, fear, self-centered power --- these are some of the foes. For us they must become more than words on a page if ours is to become an effective witness to the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus.

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THANKSGIVING

By John G. Truitt

For all the children whom I know,
For television and radio,
For pretty houses great and small,
For sunny skies spread over all,
For kindness undeserved by me,
O God, I'm thankful as can be.

For family and glowing health,
For country and its boundless wealth,
For home and food and freedom fine,
For jobs and schools and church divine,
For all the countless little things,
And books and fields and birds on wings;

I'd like to put it straight and plain,
Comes now this special time again,
To bow my head in gratitude
For every blessing great and good,
And be as thankful as can be,
For all the worth God's given me.
—From **Shoes Of Iron And Brass**

THANKSGIVING

By Dr. A. Warren Matthews

This is the time of year which reminds us of Thanksgiving. A drive through the beautiful hills and valleys brings us many reminders of God's goodness. Our eyes are delighted with leaves of gold and red, pumpkins plump and orange nestling in the shocks of corn, and little streams murmuring softly over the rocks at the foot of a harvested field. The sun is warm on our backs and the air has a crisp, clear smell. Cold apples crackle when we bit them, and they seem to belong with the wood fire, popcorn, and slices of Cheddar cheese. It is a good world, we think. Thank God!

Let us be thankful for things less sentimental, but of even greater value: modern medicine, good schools, a free country, comfortable homes, good jobs, transportation, industries. Armed forces to defend us. Stores and services to fulfill our desires. A Church to inspire and counsel us. Missions to extend the good news which has helped us. These pictures are not so traditional, but a moment of thought may remind us that we are also grateful for them. Thank God!

How do we thank God? There is a traditional way. Part of that way is to stuff ourselves with turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. A more historical way is to take a portion of the riches we have received and set it aside, dedicate it, to be used in God's work. This is stewardship. It is also the highest form of Thanksgiving. Thank God!

Thanksgiving Thoughts

By Wilson L. Busick

If we were to travel to the Far East, we would see the Japanese people working bravely and feverishly to make a living on their little islands. In a land about the size of California and only one-third arable, 80,000,000 people are trying to subsist and grow. They are so intelligent and ambitious that they seek every opportunity to grow and expand.

In Hong Kong, we would see our two million refugees squatting on the hillsides in huts of tin and crowded into tenements eight to a room and roughly three thousand to a block. When you consider the unsanitary and half-starving conditions of these people, we cannot help but realize the price they are paying for freedom.

When we look further and see the racial tensions in Africa and in our own land, our hearts sink at the inhumanity of man to man. Surely no Christian in America can sit down to his Thanksgiving dinner without doing something for the hungry and suffering members of God's family. Let us be careful that we do not make our tables another feast of Belshazzar, on the walls of whose palace appeared the ominous words, "You have been weighed in the balance and found wanting."

America is not rich enough to be a perennial Santa Claus to the world; nor is our government strong enough to be a perpetual policeman of the world. God grant that we may prove ourselves a faithful and true friend of the free world and always willing to help less advanced peoples to grow and expand. We, as a strong and good nation must cultivate more humility in our helpfulness and more charitableness in our judgments.

We Americans believe and assert that our motives are pure, that we desire nothing but peace for the whole family of mankind. But other nations judge us by our actions. We must see us and try to understand the motives of other nations as we would wish them to understand ours.

What we need in these dangerous times is a Christ-like imagination to help us see behind the headlines and the news broadcasts. Castro, Nasser, Kosegin have become household words for many of us. We are informed daily as to what other governments are doing. Yet despite all this, we are seeing the peoples of the world as individual personalities. The function of our religious faith is to sharpen our insights and sympathies that we may see and feel how life looks to us if our culture and color were like those of other races and nations.

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches." If we live and grow in these words, we shall prove to the hungry world that the Cross of Christ has something which the Communist lords cannot give, for "you will know them by their fruits."

The Southern Conference Staff

Introducing Richard N. Rinker

The Reverend Richard N. Rinker is a native of New Britain, Connecticut. After graduation from high school there he completed studies at the University of Connecticut (B. A. 1952) and Hartford Theological Seminary (B. D. 1955). He also did post-graduate study at the University of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Rinker served as pastor of the Nepaug Congregational Church in Nepaug, Connecticut, and of the Bloomfield Congregational Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. From the Pittsburgh church he was called in 1959 to serve as Minister of Christian Education for the Pennsylvania Conference of Congregational Christian Churches. In 1962 he came to the Southern Convention staff as North Carolina Field Secretary with primary responsibilities in Christian Education.

Mr. and Mrs. Rinker have three children: Mark (8), Cindy Jane (6), and Sharon (3).

Mr. Rinker has written articles in Christian Education for Church School Worker, Children's Religion, the United Church Herald, and Church Management. For the past year and a half he has served the Southern Convention as Editor for The Christian Sun in addition to his responsibilities in Christian Education.

Serving here in the Southern Conference as Conference Minister of Christian Education, Mr. Rinker will have his office at Elon College.

ON THE EDGE

Dr. Theodore Van Dyke, Service Division Secretary for the United Church Board for World Ministries in St. Louis, was the guest speaker at the **Congregational Christian Church (UCC) in Franklinville, Virginia,** on November 7.

Dr. Mildred I. Morgan is to be the guest speaker at the **First Congregational Church (UCC) in Asheville** on November 30. Dr. Morgan will speak on "Basic Training For Volunteer Workers."

The Fall Revival at **Belews Creek Christian Church (UCC)** will be held from November 15-19 with the pastor, the Rev. William A. Rich, preaching.

Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville will have a special meeting for persons age 65 and over on November 18. A representative of the U. S. Government will discuss the program of MEDICARE with these folks.

Bishop Truman Brunk was the guest speaker at **Warwick United Church of Christ in Newport News** on November 7. His presentation was one in a series for the Adventures in Understanding program being carried out by the church. Bishop Brunk brought the story of the Mennonites to the group.

The Men's Fellowship at the **Lynnhaven Colony United Church of Christ, Virginia Beach,** heard Mr. Lawrence B. Cruser on October 21. Mr. Cruser is the probation officer for the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court of Virginia Beach.

Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, November 28, and continuing for the following weeks of this pre-Christmas season, the worship at **Beulah United Church of Christ in Lexington** will include a candlelighting ceremony with their Advent wreath each Sunday.

The United Council of Church Women in Reidsville met at the **First Congregational Christian Church (UCC)** for their World Community Day observance on November 5.

The Women's Fellowship of **Monticello United Church of Christ** were the guests of the **Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ** women for World Community Day on November 5.

Know Your Church Night was held on October 31 at the **First Reformed United Church of Christ in Burlington.** Included were a filmstrip on "Your Church in Action"; plans for the congregation by the pastor, the Rev. Hiram E. Davis; and a question and answer period.

Mrs. Mark McAdams, Box 365, Elon College, N. C. 27244, is the new treasurer for the **North Carolina Women's Fellowship. Thankofferings** (Woman's Gift) should be sent to the office of the Southern Convention, Box 247, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

The Senior Youth Fellowship at **Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro** will visit Catawba College on November 13 for a tour of the campus, a meal, and a football game.

First Church, Richmond, Laity Sunday

The Sunday prior to Enlistment Sunday at the First Congregational Christian Church (UCC) in Richmond will be observed as Laity Sunday. On November 7 the following individuals will share in the morning worship service: Richard Newman, Forest Slater, Kenneth Barrie, George Parsons, Jr., Russell Selden, and D. E. Stocks.

How To Succeed

By Thomas H. Britton

"He who humbles himself will be exalted," said Jesus. "Whoever loses his life will preserve it." And if these words of Jesus mean anything at all, they surely mean this: The person whose sole motivation in life, or whose primary motivation in life, is the enrichment of his own spiritual purity, whose prime goal is the achievement of what we might term "personal religious success," that person is most surely traveling in the direction of personal religious failure. And the person whose only aim in life, or whose principal aim in life, is the salvation of his own soul, is the person most in danger of losing his own soul.

To say this, of course, is not to contend that Jesus had no concern, or that Christianity has no concern, for private prayer and study, for personal meditation and cultivation. Anyone who has ever read the gospels surely knows that it was the habit of Jesus to retire from time to time, to get away from the multitude, and to seek divine strength through quiet reflection and intimate communion with God. But we need to understand why it was that Jesus sought these seasons and utilized these opportunities for meditation and prayer. We need to realize that he took himself out of the world momentarily only so that he could return to the world for more effective involvement.

How does one succeed in the religious life? He succeeds without really trying! For his success must come not as a result of his own efforts in his own behalf, but his own unselfish efforts in behalf of those whom he can help.

I sought my soul, but my soul I could not see;
I sought my God, but my God eluded me;
I sought my brother, and I found all three.

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Do not remove the fly from your neighbor's head with a hatchet.

—Chinese Proverb from bulletin
Portsmouth First UCC

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The Union Ridge United Church Sesquicentennial Observance

From November 7 through November 14, the Union Ridge United Church of Christ, near Burlington, celebrated their 150th anniversary. As a part of this observance, a full week of special services was held.

On Sunday, November 7, the pastor of the church, the Rev. H. Winfred Bray, opened the week with the message **Responding to Our Heritage.** On the evening of the same day, Dr. J. Earl Danieley, President of Elon College, spoke on **The Church In A New Day.** Sharing in this evening worship were members of the Elon Choir and the Rev. John Graves, Chaplain at Elon College.

On Monday evening, guest leaders included Dr. John G. Truitt and the Rev. Donald Sledge. The speaker was Dr. Walstein W. Snyder, Superintendent of the Elon Home for Children.

The Tuesday evening service saw the return of former pastors of the church: the Reverends Kenneth Register, A. Greig Ritchie, and W. Millard Stevens. Dr. Stevens brought the evening message, **The Glory In A Face.**

Wednesday evening was Southern Conference Night. Participating in the service were the Rev. Lawrence Leonard, pastor of St. Mark's United Church of Christ, Burlington, and Dr. Banks Peeler, President of the former Southern Synod. Dr. Peeler spoke on **Things Jesus Began.** The choir of St. Mark's Church provided music.

Southern Convention Night was observed Thursday. This was especially significant, for in 1856 the Southern Convention was organized at the Union Ridge Church. Sharing in this service were the three men who have served as Superintendents of the Southern Convention: the Rev. Drs. F. C. Lester, W. T. Scott, Sr., and Clyde L. Fields. Dr. Fields spoke on **Responding To The Challenge.** The choir from the Beverly Hills United Church of Christ provided music.

The final service in this week of special services was held on Sunday morning, led by the pastor, the Rev. H. Winfred Bray, whose topic was **The Sublime Hour.** As a part of this communion service, a custom from the past was used: the Roll Call of the Membership by the Deacons. On this day, too, the **History Book,** by Miss Kara Graham, telling the story of the Union Ridge Church was unveiled by the young people of the church. Copies of this book will be about $4.00, and the compiler, Miss Graham, will autograph copies on the afternoon of the 14th.

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Western N.C.P.F. Share in Lake Project

The Western North Carolina Pilgrim Fellowship has shared for the second time in the Remake-A-Lake project at Moonelon Center. At their last rally they voted to send $113.00 for use in this Conventionwide PF project to dig out and beautify the lake area at the conference center. Work is now underway at the Center.

UCC Men To Meet

A three-day convention for all men of the United Church of Christ will be held from August 19-21, 1966, in St. Louis. This meeting will be sponsored by the Churchmen's Fellowship of the Council for Lay Life and Work.

1966 Brotherhood Convention

The advanced program for the twenty-second annual Brotherhood Convention of the Southern Synodical Churchmen's Fellowship of the Southern Conference indicates that the Convention will be held at the Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds from August 27-28. Guest speakers will include the Honorable Thad Eure, Secretary of State for North Carolina The cost will be $8.00.

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ON THE EDGE

The women of **First Congregational Christian Church (UCC) in Reidsville** were in charge of the November 7 evening worship service.

Dr. W. W. Snyder and some of the children from Elon Home for Children shared in the service at **Mt. Zion United Church of Christ in Mebane** on November 14.

Remember **Our Christian World Mission** gifts from your church should now be at least 85 percent of your goal for 1965. If your church has not sent in this percentage, or 100 percent better still, encourage your treasurer and leaders to see to it, that our witness may be carried on effectively.

The Rev. John D. Schofield, pastor of **Palm Street United Church of Christ in Greensboro,** was the speaker for **Sunday Chapel** on Channel 2, 11:30-12:00 on Nov. 16.

At the **Elon College Community Church,** the women will prepare and serve a breakfast for the men of the church on November 14. Then, on November 21, the men will prepare and serve a breakfast for the women.

Bible Study At Chapel Hill United

On the second Monday evening of each month, there is a Bible study fellowship in the Fireplace Room of the Chapel Hill United Church of Christ. This study is for the women of the church and is being led by the pastor, the Rev. DeWitt L. Myers, Jr. Resources for the fellowship include **The Bible** and **Our Biblical Heritage,** the latter of which is a resource book in the United Church Curriculum.

The Gift That Can't Be Forgotten

Our denominational publication, **The United Church Herald,** is now offering special gift rates for one year subscriptions. Each subscription is $2.00 for a full year (semi-monthly). Send orders to: United Church Herald, Post Office Box 7095, St. Louis Missouri 63177.

The Final Issue of The Christian Sun

The last issue of **The Christian Sun** will be the December 21 number. The issue prior to that will be the Christmas Issue; articles for inclusion should be sent to Rev. Richard N. Rinker, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244. The Southern Conference publication will combine the three publications of the uniting groups. The Southern Synod publishes **The Standard** and the Convention of the South, **The Newsletter.** Information about the new publication will be forthcoming.

In Search Of Higher Realities

By Igor I. Sikorsky

I have in my possession a brochure by C. S. Lewis entitled "Will We Lose God in Outer Space?" This subject has been touched upon in various forms by a number of people. For instance, the Reverend W. L. Sperry, in an interesting lecture on "The Evolution of the Soul," states the fact that belief in immortality becomes more difficult at present when the understandable future happy home of the blessed just beyond the blue curtain of the sky has been replaced in our imagination by the immense cold and shelterless deserts of astronomical space. Questions of this nature do exist; however, there are also satisfying answers.

I would like to begin this discussion by quoting a portion of the Nicene Creed in its Russian Version, "I believe in God the Father, Upholder of everything, Creator of Heaven and Earth . . ." For a believer this statement is an act of faith. However, a nonbeliever may consider it to be a working hypothesis. Scientifically, this proposition can neither be confirmed nor disproved. The modern astronomer, Fred Hoyle, gives the following explanation of what may be understood under the term "everything."

"The Universe is everything; both living and inanimate things; both atoms and galaxies; and if the spiritual exists as well as the material, of spiritual things also; and if there is a Heaven and a Hell, of Heaven and Hell too; for by its very nature the Universe is the totality of all things.

"There is a general impression abroad that the large scale aspects of the Universe are not very important to us in our daily lives — that if the Earth and Sun remained, all else might be destroyed without causing us any serious inconvenience. Yet, this view is very likely to prove wildly wrong. Present-day developments in cosmology are coming to suggest rather insistently that every-day conditions could not persist but for the distant parts of the Universe, that all our ideas of space and of geometry would become entirely invalid if the distant parts of the Universe were taken away."[1]

In his wise remarks Dr. Hoyle mentioned that even our life and understanding of the material realities ". . . seem to be closely integrated to the grand scale of the features of the universe . . ." Such conclusion is much more valid with respect to our understanding of major religious and philosophical ideas.

Dean Inge made the following wise comment regarding this situation. ". . . We must frankly admit that a new revelation has been made to our contemporaries through natural science and modern scholarship; and that any scheme of reconstruction which is to have a chance of standing firm must embody the assured results of secular as well as of theological knowledge . . ."[2] In this respect it must be recognized that the size, design and age of the universe have a definite significance that cannot be ignored.

The size of the visible universe is indicated by the fact that galaxies have been observed in almost all directions at distances in excess of two billion light years. That means about 12 billion, trillion miles.[3]

How much more there is beyond what has been observed and photographed we do not know. With respect to age there is no definite figure generally agreed upon. The age of fifteen billion years has been mentioned. However, modern science seems to agree that the universe almost certainly was not always in existence and that, consequently, it had its beginning not infinitely far back in time. This and other scientific facts may call for a revision of some traditional religious concepts. However, it is my belief that the fundamentals of the Message of Christ will remain as firm as they always have been and, in many cases, become more powerful and more comprehensible in light of later information.

With respect to scientific information, I would like to stress the following fact which, in most cases, remains disregarded. The average, modern intellectual speaks with confidence about distances to the stars and planets and various other scientific data. However, hardly one in a million can confirm these facts by personal observation or calculation; we simply trust the information because it comes from men who are considered to be sincere, truthful and competent.

Now I believe that there is an analogy between this situation and the case of the testimonies about the major spiritual truths that are being discussed. The famous scientist, Professor Arthur Stanley Eddington, commented as follows on this subject: "What I may attempt is to dispel the feeling that in using the eye of the body or the eye of the soul, and incorporating what is thereby revealed in our conception of reality, we are doing something irrational and disobeying the leading of truth which as scientists we are pledged to serve."[4]

This being the case I would state that in the Message of Christ, as recorded by his immediate followers, we have essentially a similar case of a certain truth that is beyond the observation by ordinary men but has been testified by witnesses who may be confidently considered as sincere, truthful and competent.

It is impossible to have faith without having at least a minimum mental image of the Object of our reverence and aspirations, and if the Gospel Message is accepted as a source of guidance (which it is for me), then our concept would have to retain a certain minimum of anthropomorphism; otherwise most of the statements and parables of Christ would become meaningless.

In this article the existence of the similarity between God and man will be understood by assuming that the Creator of the Universe is a Being who has intellect, willpower and emotions that are not completely unlike our own. Indeed, all above-mentioned characteristics, and undoubtedly many others which are unknown to us, are immensely and unimaginably greater, higher and nobler than those of human beings. The Russian poet Derjavin expressed this idea in the following lines: "Thou are reflected in me as the sun is reflected in a small drop of water."

The idea of the poet appears to be seconded by the words of a scientist. The well-known British astronomer, James Jeans, writes: "From the intrinsic evidence of His creation, the Great Architect of the Universe now begins to appear as a pure mathematician . . . We discover that the universe shows evidence of a designing or controlling Power that has something in common with our own individual minds."[5]

To these wise sentences written in the eighteenth and twentieth centuries we will add one written in the first: "God is Love."[6]

In Search Of Higher Realities

(Continued)

The words of the poet indicate figuratively the nature and permissible degree of anthropomorphism. The first two sentences of the great astronomer reflect intellect and power. The well-known last one expresses, not feeling or emotion, but considerably more, provided the word "Love" is given a vast, even though legitimate, interpretation.

In one of the greatest statements ever recorded in any language, St. Paul, in Chapter 13 of I Corinthians, gives an inspired and also a truly scientific analysis of this subject. According to him, among the components of the vast idea of love, sentiment or emotion occupies only a secondary place; the main idea is a firm, unconquerable orientation of all powers of the personality in the direction of truth, wisdom, unlimited mercy, unlimited forgiveness and unlimited benevolence. The above ideas and motive impulses guided by the intellect, enforced by the willpower, and inspired by emotions, infinitely elevated and widened beyond our ability to describe or even comprehend them, form the very nature of God. This conclusion is, to my mind, expressed in the words, "God is Love."

It is this Supreme Being, the Architect of the formidable universe, whom Christ — speaking with superhuman authority — instructed us to address by the simple, familiar words, "Our Father, Who Art in Heaven."

Modern science has presented to us a strikingly impressive picture of the immensity, splendor, orderliness and mathematical precision of the operation of the material universe which sings glory to the intellect and of the power of its Architect. However, this message is silent with respect to other characteristics. In fact, the formidable universe appears to be utterly indifferent, not to say unfriendly, to the grade of life to which we belong. It is the Message of Christ, as recorded in the New Testament, that has spread light about other characteristics of the Most High and about some fundamental factors of the universe and life.

When we make such statements, the question may be asked, "In what respect, then, are the Gospels unique and supreme?"

They are supreme in that they convey a message of the possibility of a new life beyond the death of the body and the fact that this new life may be everlasting, that it may be infinitely more brilliant, more meaningful and more joyful than any life or any experience that man may have had during his brief and turbulent earthly existence. This fact has been proclaimed by Christ with greater power, brightness and authority than ever before, and, accordingly, the message has been accepted and believed by thousands of millions of persons from among all those who have lived on the earth between the first century and the present time.

(1) **Frontiers of Astronomy** by Fred Hoyle, p. 304, Harper Bros., N.Y.C.

(2) **Lay Thoughts of a Dean** by William Ralph Inge, former dean of St. Paul's, London, p. 342 (1926).

(3) **The Starry Universe** by Lincoln Barnett, **LIFE** mag., p. 44, 12/20/54.

(4) **Science and the Unseen World** by Arthur Stanley Eddington, F.R.S., p. 49.

(5) **The Mysterious Universe** by J. Jeans, p. 144, Edition 1930.

(6) I John 9:8-16.

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One of the world's foremost aeronautical pioneers, and the recipient of many honors and awards, he has had the unique experience of pioneering in three different aeronautical fields — multi-engined aircraft, trans-oceanic flying boats, and helicopters. Mr. Sikorsky, who has for many years been a lay sponsor of Worldwide Bible Reading, is the author of The Message of the Lord's Prayer.

The Task In India

"It is true that India is a land of contrasts."

When you get a description of India's poverty, filth, ignorance, over-population and backwardness, you will be getting an account of what we see every day. But the accounts of her charm, culture, natural beauty, dedication to democracy, her efforts to harness her rivers for power, produce more food, obtain better education and her amazing new industries are equally true. There is much to be done in India. The tasks are enough to make a defeatist even out of the exuberently optimistic American. It is no wonder that many Indians give up and accept their plight with fatalism. The wonder is that there are so many Indians who refuse to give up and continue to inch their nation ahead against seemingly impossible obstacles.

From: **The Rev. Charles Parsley,** India

Tradition Vs. Scripture

Matthew 23:23-28

By J. Rex Thomas

One of the interesting decrees coming out of the Vatican Council deals with the authority of Holy Scripture. In the Roman Catholic Church tradition has long held a co-equal place with the Scriptures as authority in matters of faith. The Baltimore Catechism states unequivocally that ". . . Tradition has the same force as the Bible, since it too contains God's revelation to men." However, this recent decree gives more prestige to the Scriptures as the source of authority in matters of faith.

We in the Protestant churches have always held that the Scriptures were the sole source of authority in matters of faith. We who come from the background of the old Christian denomination had as one of our basic tenets (or cardinal principles as they were called) that "the Bible is a sufficient rule of faith." However that may be, tradition and religion seem inextricably bound together. Our Lord and His disciples were constantly criticized for violating various and sundry traditions. He was criticized for healing on the Sabbath for this was contrary to tradition. His disciples were criticized for failing to wash before eating for this was contrary to tradition. In the Scripture which was just read our Lord does His share of criticizing the Scribes and Pharisees because of their tradition-bound lives. In fact, a major portion of the criticism leveled at the Scribes and Pharisees by our Lord was directly related to their adherence to tradition.

Before we go any further let us pause for a moment to observe that tradition is not always bad. Tradition literally means "handing down." We have many traditions in our Christian religion. We have many things in our Christian religion which have been "handed down" from one generation to the next. Some of these traditions are good. Some of the things which have been "handed down" are good. What is bad is the unquestioning acceptance of these traditions. What is bad is the unquestioning acceptance of these things which have been handed down. What is bad is the giving of equal authority to tradition that should be reserved for Scripture.

Let us examine some of our "beloved traditions." Let us examine some of those things which have been "handed down" and to which we have equated the authority of Scripture.

Church Music

Let us begin with **the field of church music.** Traditionally we have sung the "old" songs — meaning of course the gospel songs of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. We seem to have forgotten the Scriptural injunction "to sing unto the Lord a new song." Let me hasten to add that there is nothing wrong with singing gospel songs. What is wrong is that we are so bound by the authority of tradition that we neglect the authority of Scripture and consequently reject new and modern art forms which just might be meaningful to our generation.

Revival

Another tradition by which we are bound and which has lost its original meaning is **the annual revival.** If the revival is a week of spiritual emphasis, if it is a week of concentrated preaching and spiritual renewal, then this is fine. However, if it is a week dedicated to the saving of the lost, if it is a week dedicated to preaching at unrepentant sinners, then it has lost its meaning. The lost, the unrepentant sinner is not in the church to profit from this week. We would do well to turn here to the authority of the Scripture for guidance. The Scripture speaks of going out into the highways and the byways, of actively seeking out those who are lost — not in meekly expecting them to come to a revival.

Missions & Stewardship

One of the worst traditions which we keep alive today is our traditional **concept of missions.** Traditionally when missions are mentioned people picture a man in a black suit, Bible in hand, going off to sojourn in a foreign country. At one time this aspect of missions was justified. However, were we to turn to the Scriptures as an authority for missions we would hear the Great Commandment: "Go into all the world (even in your own community) and preach the Gospel to every creature." Tradition would have it that we should not only **send** someone to the **far parts** of the world. The Scripture says "'**go you** in **all** the world."

Another tradition which should be cast aside — yea should have never existed — is our traditional **concept of stewardship.** Tradition has it that the ideal of good stewardship is the widow's mite, i.e., that our nickles and dimes, our pocket change is all that is required of us. A closer reading of Scripture would reveal that the widow's mite was not her pocket change. It was **in fact** her **all.** Our traditional concept of stewardship is one of the most wicked of traditions which has been "handed down" in our Christian religion. It is shameful — indeed sinful — that in this affluent nation in which we live, in which Christian men and women count calories and worry about waistlines, that their fellowman should suffer the lack of the most basic human requirements.

Human Relationships

Although I could enumerate countless other traditions which we equate with Scriptural authority or even give precedence over, I shall close with one which I find most in error. This is our tradition of **human relationships.** According to the authority of Scripture we are to "love our neighbor as ourself." Also, according to the authority of Scripture God is no respecter of persons. Yet traditionally we have disallowed certain groups of men not only our love but also basic human dignity. I was shocked recently at a young people's meeting when one of the young people objected to inviting a certain other young person to attend the meeting because he was "dirty and not our kind of people." However, I suppose I should not have been shocked because we adults abide by the same kind of tradition all the time.

If we are to remain true to our Protestant heritage — indeed to our Christian Faith — we would do well to examine our most cherished traditions in the light of Holy Scripture. Indeed we would do well to subject our "beloved traditions" to the authority of Scripture.

Harvest Song

By Frances Weld Danielson

Pumpkins are heaped in piles,
Big and round and yellow;
Apples are stored away,
Rosy-cheeked and mellow;
Oats and barley fill each bin,
Corn and wheat are gathered in,
Fragrance of new-mown hay
Through the wide barn passes,
Scent of summer grasses.

Father of child and bee,
For us ever caring,
Squirrel and smallest bird
In thy bounty sharing;
Hear us sing our harvest song,
Of thy love the whole year long.
Father of child and bee,
We our thanks are bringing,
Listen to our singing.

For What We Made

By Mrs. W. W. Sloan

"What's in that big sack? What did you bring today? Cookies? A pumpkin?"

"Put your hand in and see what you find."

"What's this?" asked one child after feeling around and bringing out something cool and crisp to the touch.

"Celery!"

Each child around the table reached into the bag, and out came apples, grapes, a large salad bowl, small blunt fruit knives — one for each child. Soon eight pairs of small hands were busy chopping celery and apples, digging the seeds out of grapes. Of course a few grapes disappeared and a few pieces of core got into the dish.

But what a beautiful salad! And how amazing it was to see all waiting patiently-in-a-hurry to fill their small dishes from the large one! How even more amazing that most of the children waited until the very last one was served before putting a spoonful into their mouths.

"What is the most crisp?"

"This." Len held up a pale green slice of celery.

"And the sweetest?"

Rebecca held out, ever so carefully, her small coffee spoon filled with a half grape.

"And what is a little bit sour, and juicy?"

Chunks of apple were pointed out in several small dishes. The children ate slowly, aware of the flavor and texture of each piece their hands had fashioned, reaching for the big spoon and "seconds." Three small dishes remained empty.

"We could fill these with salad for Joseph, Nathan and Esther, (who left early to sing in the children's choir,) then we can finish eating the rest."

Patsy put a generous serving in each dish.

"Now, who wants to tell God thank you?"

"I know something to say."

"All right, Jane."

We bowed our heads, listening.

"Thank you for what we made and . . . and for the flowers."

For what WE MADE!

"My father is working still, and I am working." John 5:17.

The South Norfolk Women

The South Norfolk Church Women's Fellowship for the year 1964-65 reports a year filled with activities under the leadership of Mrs. Bernice Hargrove as President.

Emphasis was placed on the required work for the year, which was a **Friendly Service Dedication** of gifts for those who needed to be remembered both at home and abroad during the Christmas Season; a special program on our foreign study **New Nations and The Kingdom;** the home study of **Spanish Speaking Americans,** and a commemoration service in honor of those receiving Life Memberships and Memorials. Also the Pastor Emeritus was honored for his fifty years in the ministry.

The Bible study, **Salty Christians,** was used responsively in the monthly circle meetings.

Fellowship with United Church Women was enjoyed on special day gatherings in the community.

Other activities included Christmas Bazaar; a reception for the new pastor; a spaghetti supper; book review of **The Bible;** migrant film, **Harvest of Shame**; volunteer services for local cancer society, and financial aid toward church improvements.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Visits To Fall Conferences

Dear Friends,

As in other years, it was a joy to attend the annual conferences in Eastern Virginia and North Carolina. On October 28, we were present at the Oakland Christian Church for our Eastern Virginia Conference. On November 2, we attended the Eastern North Carolina Conference at Southern Pines. On November 3 we were at Shady Grove Church near Troy and on Thursday, November 4, we were at the North Carolina and Virginia Conference held at our Reidsville Church in Reidsville, N. C.

We were very happy of our opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make many new friends at these various conferences. In the Eastern Virginia Conference we presented the story of our Home and what we are endeavoring to do for those in our care.

At the North Carolina Conferences we were fortunate to have visiting with us and speaking on behalf of our Home Mr. Samuel Fudge, a Child Care Consultant from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. Fudge has had much experience in the area of working with houseparents and knows the full scope of child care work. We were most pleased that he could be with us and tell the story of what is happening in the area of child care.

As soon as we can secure from Mr. Fudge a copy of his talk at our Conferences, we are going to have it on our page. It will take several issues, but we know you will enjoy the article as those enjoyed hearing it when he presented it at our Conference.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

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Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 22.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	39.00
Western North Carolina Conference	77.00
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	42.00
	$180.00
Special Offerings	
New Hope Christian Church, Roanoke, Alabama	10.00
Mr. Stuart Oldson, Salem, Massachusetts	10.00
Ladies' Bible Class, First Congregational Church, Henderson, N. C.	25.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mrs. Telza Miller	
In Memory of Mrs. Daisy Street	
In Memory of Mrs. E. O. Browning (2 Memorials)	
Total Memorial Gifts	25.00
Special Offerings	528.00
Total	$598.00
Total for the Week	$778.00

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

William L. Monroe, Sr.

ELON ALUMNUS AND BENEFACTOR PASSES AWAY

William L. Monroe, Sr., 74, of Atlanta, Ga., long an outstanding benefactor of Elon College, and an alumnus of the College, died at his home in Atlanta on October 23rd.

Mr. Monroe, who was born in Montgomery County, North Carolina, attended Elon College and later went to Atlanta, where he founded the Monroe Landscape and Nursery Co., one of the South's leading landscape organizations. He had also served as president of both the Georgia and the Southern organizations of nurserymen and was instrumental in establishing the school of Landscape Architecture at Georgia Tech.

Remembering his own student days at Elon just prior to World War I, Mr. Monroe established two cash scholarship awards at Elon in 1950 known as the Monroe Awards. The cash awards have been given each year at commencement to one man and one woman who have been chosen by Elon Faculty members as having made the most improvement during the year in overall development, scholarship and personality.

At Mr. Monroe's request, the presentation of the Monroe Awards last year were given in honor of Dr. John G. Truitt, who was a student along with Mr. Monroe in the pre-World War I days. In making the request, Mr. Monroe stated that Dr. Truitt exerted a strong influence upon his life, and he stated that his days on the Elon campus had impressed him with the importance of Christian education.

Elon College acknowledges with gratitude the devotion of Mr. Monroe to his Alma Mater, and the College looks with pride upon the outstanding success of this upright and good man in the field of business. The thoughtfulness of Mr. Monroe in relation to the needs and opportunities of his College are deeply appreciated.

Homecoming & Parents' Day

The Elon College Homecoming Day observance Saturday, October 30, was held in conjunction with the College's annual "Parents' Day" program, with more than 300 parents of Elon students, and a large number of alumni, present for the weekend of festivities.

The Homecoming observance got underway with a student pep rally and a talent show on Friday night in Whitley Auditorium, featuring talent offerings by individuals and student groups representing various campus organizations in competition for prizes.

The Friday night events were preliminary to an all-day program on Saturday, to which the Homecoming alumni and parents were invited to visit the campus on Saturday morning and view a colorful group of campus decorations and displays. At the same time the parents had an opportunity to visit classes with their sons and daughters.

A highlight of the Saturday program was the annual Homecoming parade, which formed at Burlington's Eva Barker Playground and proceeded through the Burlington business district at 12:30 o'clock, moving directly to the Burlington Memorial Stadium, where the Elon Christians and the Western Carolina Catamounts met in a Carolinas Conference football game at 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Homecoming Queen, Jeanne Firorita of Greensboro, chosen by ballot of Elon students from a group of five finalists, was presented at the talent show on Friday night. She was featured in the parade and was crowned at half-time ceremonies at the Elon-Western Carolina game.

The principal gathering for the large number of Elon alumni returning for Homecoming was a coffee hour held at the home of President and Mrs. J. E. Danieley immediately following the football game. At the same time the College entertained the visiting parents of students, and faculty members, at a social hour in the reading rooms of Carlton Library. Here the parents had an opportunity to visit with the teachers of their sons and daughters. The parents were also dinner guests of the College in McEwen Dining Hall on Saturday night. Here they heard talks by President Danieley, and by Jerry Cameron, President of the Student Government Association.

UNITED CHRISTIAN CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP

The United Christian Campus Fellowship on the Elon Campus serves the students who are members of the Disciples of Christ, Moravian, and United Church of Christ. This year a large number of students have been meeting regularly for fellowship and inspiration. New officers were elected at the first meeting and included Betsy Jones, President, of Durham; Gerald Schumm, Vice-President, Palm Beach Shores, Florida; Secretary, Sharon Branch, West Palm Beach, Florida; Mary Anne Underwood, Chuckatuck, Virginia, member of the Evecutive Committee at large; Russell L. Schetroma, Reporter, from Nathalie, Penn.

There have been varied presentations given to the students during the UCCF meetings. At one meeting — held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. William J. Andes — the group heard Dr. William T. Scott, the Director of Church Relations for the College, who gave an inspirational message that was really enjoyed by everyone present. At another meeting, Mr. Michael Brooks gave the group some information about the Poverty Program in the State of North Carolina and in the Nation as a whole.

At the meeting held at the home of Rev. John S. Graves, Campus Minister, the group heard Gerald Schumm and Sharon Branch tell of the West Palm Beach Union Congregational Church Summer Travel Seminars.

The last meeting of October was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams in Burlington, which was a fellowship and supper-meeting, with devotionals concluding a very interesting meeting.

This year the UCCF is trying to become more of a service organization than it has been in the past. The group plans to undertake to clear undergrowth and trash from around the railroad tracks and in other areas to earn money to enable them to give a Christmas party for the employees of the College. They are also working with the Elon Home for Children in a program called "Project Big Brother" in which College students will become acquainted with — and hopefully be helpful to — younger students living at the home.

—Russell L. Schetroma, Reporter.

A
THANKSGIVING
HYMN

By A. A. Woodhull

Great God of nations, now to thee
Our hymn of gratitude we raise;
That thou hast made this nation free,
We offer thee our song of praise.

Thy name we bless, almighty God,
For all the kindness thou hast shown
To this fair land, by Pilgrim trod —
This land we fondly call our own.

THOUGHTS ON THANKSGIVING FROM 1936

By Mary H. Booth

There is much in my heart I would like to say,
As I count my blessings this Thanksgiving Day:
I am grateful for father and mother
And for sisters and brothers who love one another;
I am thankful for my husband dear
And for our life together during the year;
I am glad for new friends whom I have known,
And for acts of kindness which they have shown.

My old friends are gratefully remembered, too,
For it's fine to have friends who are tried and true;
It has not been my lot to have fame or wealth,
But greater than these I am thankful for health.
I give thanks for our daily fare
And for the beauty of nature which we share.

A new thought was added to my list Sunday,
As I sat in church and heard the pastor say:
"You'll have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving
If you have learned more about this business of living."
Thinking it over, I now can see
Where new values of life have been taught to me;
If you want to be happy with what life brings,
Look for joy to be found in simple things.

STEWARDSHIP
Christian & Biblical

+ + + + Christian stewardship is not primarily a means for raising money but a plan for making the right kind of men.
I seek not yours but you.
II Corinthians 12:14

+ + + + We are not to be stewards simply because God made us but because He redeemed us.
You are not your own; you were bought with a price.
I Corinthians 6:19f

+ + + + Christian stewardship is not so much a matter of duty as the expression of gratitude. It is the economic expression of Christian experience.
Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!
II Corinthians 9:15

+ + + + Christian stewardship is not only a matter of law requirement but a love expressing itself in practical service.
If you love me you will keep my commandments.
John14:15

+ + + + Christian stewardship is not driving a sharp bargain with God but entering into a blessed partnership with Him.
For we are fellow workmen with God.
I Corinthians 3:9

+ + + + Christian stewardship relates not to money alone but also to personality and powers and all of life.
. . . to present your bodies as a living sacrifice . . .
Romans 12:1

+ + + + Christian stewardship is not confined to a part of one's time and money, but requires that the whole be held and used according to God's will.
And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Colossians 3:17

This is based on excerpts from **Bible Stewardship,** by J. E. Dillard, as they appeared in **The Messenger** of the First Congregational Christian Church (UCC) of Richmond.

Richmond Union Thanksgiving Service

The Rev. Richard Cheek, formerly a pastor in the Southern Synod and now serving St. John's United Church of Christ in Richmond, will be the speaker for the Union Thanksgiving Service at the Park Avenue Methodist Church in Richmond on November 25.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Salty Pillars

The Thanksgiving observances at our East Burlap Church have traditionally been left in the hands of the Let Us Look Longingly At Bygone Years Society. For one hundred and twenty-three years this group has seen to the details for a meaningful Thanksgiving.

The L. U. L. L. A. B. Y. S. are a very devoted fellowship. Made up of the pillars of the church and the salt of the earth type people, self-sacrifice and undaunted pride in the past achievements of their church are their watchwords. Oh it's true that unappreciative members of the church sometimes speak of them as the Salty Pillars, but without them Thanksgiving would fail to have the meaning it has come to have at East Burlap.

The last special Thanksgiving celebration was typical of the kind of work they do. The theme for the day's activities centered around "The Church One Hundred Years Ago."

The morning worship service lasted three and a half hours, for example. The sermon was an hour and forty-five minutes worth. The whole book of Jonah was read antiphonally. There was a collection for the saints. The songs which, for the church a hundred years ago, were the "old-time" songs were sung: God's Love Is Perfect And Converts (1650); My Jesus As Thou Wilt (1704); and Children Of The Heavenly King (1742).

In the afternoon, a dramatized one hundred years ago deacons' meeting was held for the congregation. The needs of the century-ago church were pointed up in the repair and upkeep report: twelve cords of wood for the church stove; painting the outdoor plumbing; a new supply of lamp wicks and lamp oil; two new sandstones to smooth out the slivers in the hewn pews; and three new hitching rings to replace the ones pulled out by the horses when the choir sang "From Every Stormy Wind That Blows" the preceding Sunday.

There was also an old-fashioned meal prepared on wood stoves brought in especially to add atmosphere to the occasion (atmosphere = the smell of new stove polish burning off). Water for cooking was carried by bucket from a large tank (to simulate a pump). The children and young people pulled taffey to provide dessert. The one shortcoming, which would have made an old-fashioned cow feel totally inadequate, was the need to use homogenized, pasteurized, vitamin-added and enriched milk. Old-fashioned milk couldn't be found.

During the course of the day, one or two items of interest gave pause for pondering. In checking on the offerings received by the church a century ago, it was noted that the current offerings this year represented about a 1½% increase. Another notable fact was found in one of the old songbooks. Apparently the songs now referred to as the "good oldtime gospel songs" were the modern and unfamiliar songs of yesterday and hardly ever used.

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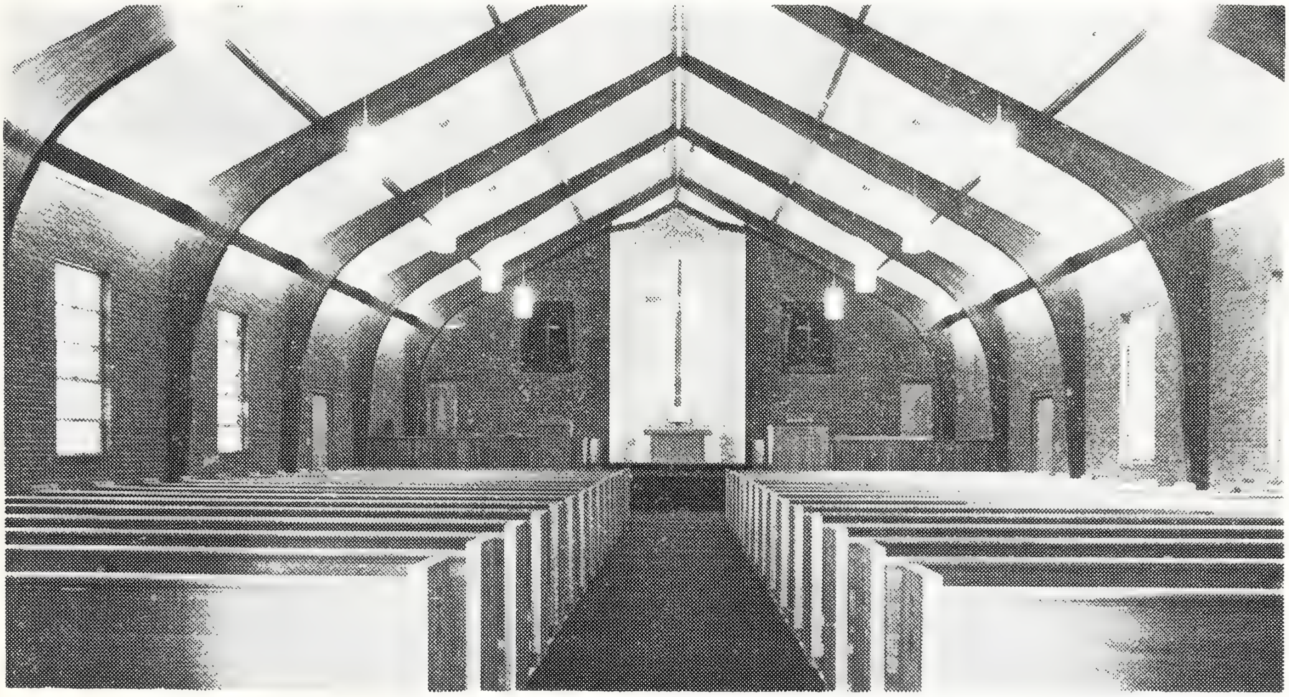

Hine's Chapel United Church Of Christ

New Sanctuary Completed

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Thou knowest the commandments . . . One thing thou lackest . . .
/KJ

You know the commandments . . . You lack one thing . . .
/RSV

You know the commandments . . . There is one thing you have missed . . .
/Phillips

There's a road to somewhere that's paved with good intentions. The destination is no less unpleasant because of the unfulfilled motivations of goodness. Which is the circuitous way of saying that good motives are bad motives unless they bring good results.

The Advent season is a time when there is often an abundance of good intentions. We promise ourselves we'll observe otherwise unobserved religious habits, such as regular readings of the Bible, or special devotional exercises, or maybe even greater responsibility in our stewardship.

But then, for no reason we care to admit, results fade and the ideally motivated intentions mean nothing. Well, not quite nothing, for we have admitted an obligation — we **should** do this or that. And there's that broken promise to ourselves and to God.

Preparation for Christmas is not an uncommon thing. Stores begin preparing before Thanksgiving. Schools, too, start to introduce the Christmas theme in advance of dismissal for the holiday. In our homes we begin thinking about the decorations, the cards, and the several other uniquely Christmas habits which will be a part of our lives for a brief time. Everything is being made ready.

Everything, that is, except the most important thing.

The Southern Conference Publication

From the **Proposed Interim Provisions For Transition** of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., presented at the first meeting of The Southern Conference on September 30, 1965, at Elon College, N. C., the following is taken:

"The Executive Boards of the three church bodies will give notice to end contracts with printers for publishing THE CHRISTIAN SUN, THE STANDARD, and THE NEWSLETTER as soon after September 30, 1965, as possible. The Board of Directors of the Southern Conference shall name a Publications Advisory Committee of six members at its first meeting, which shall, with the approval of the Board of Directors, initiate the new Southern Conference publication by January 1, 1966, if possible." — Provision # 9

From the Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held October 19, 1965 at Burlington, N. C., the following comes:

"The chairman appointed a Publications Advisory Committee — Mrs. Van D. Grimes, Rev. H. Winfred Bray, Rev. William Lake, Mr. Rex Powell, Rev. John Lackey, and Rev. G. Melvin Palmer."

The Publications Advisory Committee met November 16, 1965, at Greensboro and from their meeting the following request for understanding and patience has come:

NOTICE

The publication for The Southern Conference will be issued as early in 1966 as possible. Some delay will be necessary because of decisions pending the meeting of the Board of Directors in January, the new staff, and other matters of reorganization. We shall be grateful for your patience and understanding.

The Publications Committee
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Your Church In The Southern Conference And The United Church Of Christ

By CLYDE L. FIELDS

Your Church is an integral part of the United Church of Christ, a merger between the Congregational Christian denomination and the Evangelical and Reformed denomination, in the uniting General Synod held at Cleveland, Ohio, June 27, 1957. The constitution was formally adopted in Philadelphia, July 4, 1961.

Your Church is one of more than 8,000 congregations, and approximately 2 1/4 million members which make up the United Church of Christ.

The United Church of Christ is a merger of two denominational bodies which were themselves the result of merger. The Congregational and Christian Churches joined in 1931 to form the Congregational Christian denomination. The Evangelical and Reformed denominations merged in 1934 to form the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Both mergers were a result of similar denominations joining out of similar heritages. The Congregational Christians were English to the core, and congregational in church polity. The Evangelical and Reformed denomination was German, Dutch, and Hungarian in heritage, and presbyterial in polity. Both shared in the heritage of the Protestant Reformation. The Congregational Christians were of the Calvinist persuasion, and the Evangelical and Reformed people were of the Lutheran theological persuasion.

Hence, the architects of the United Church of Christ sought to bring together two bodies of great differences. Could people of English, German, Dutch, and Hungarian backgrounds, of Calvinist and Lutheran theological persuasion, and of congregational and presbyterial polity backgrounds blend together to form an entirely new witness to ecumenicity? The answer was found to be "Yes" in 1957, after more than twenty years of conversation, committee meetings, and votes by local churches, associations, conventions, conferences, and synods. Something new had been born in organic union of church bodies as a part of the ecumenical dream.

A DEMOCRATIC UNITY

Your Church has an opportunity to participate in the United Church of Christ, which has adopted as a guiding principle the sixth cardinal principle of the Christian Church, namely, "The union of all the followers of Christ is desirable, to the end that the world might believe." To live in order to die — here is the dilemma of all bodies of believers who seriously seek union with all their fellow Christians. As Jesus Christ lived that He might die in order to save all men, so all organized churches come to their separate births in order that they may die and be reborn into the one body of Christ.

In the life of its people and their distinctive beliefs, and in the particular form of their church government, every denomination offers something to study and to learn from. There is no single perfect system of doctrine, discipline and life. There is no single language or form ideally suited to the worship of God. So, while denominations die in order that the greater may appear, each denomination brings to the larger whole something of intrinsic value and worth that is preserved in the larger whole. Such is the United Church of Christ.

The constitution of the United Church of Christ provides flexibility for further organic unions of denominations. The constitution recognizes that the basic unit of the life and work of the United Church of Christ is the local church. A local church preserves its autonomy and freedom to conduct its own affairs as a gathered congregation of believers in Christ. The calling of the minister, the reception of members, the constitution of the local church, the form of worship in the service, and other such matters which a local congregation may determine are guaranteed by the constitution as a part of the heritage of autonomy and responsibility of the local church. The local church is offered the privilege of sharing in the wider fellowship by participation of the membership in the sharing of their benevolence through Our Christian World Mission.

The constitution of the United Church of Christ recognizes that local congregations in a geographic area shall bind themselves together in an association of churches, which body shall meet regularly and exercise autonomy and responsibility at this organized level. The local churches of an area are represented by delegates to the association. This is representative democracy at work.

Associations in a larger geographic area become a part of the next larger body called a Conference. Delegates from churches in the larger geographic area meet in Conference meetings and conduct the work of the United Church of Christ in the larger area in a representative and democratic manner. There is autonomy and responsibility at this level in the United Church of Christ.

The largest gathering of delegates from Conferences across the United Church of Christ is called the General Synod. The General Synod is made up of delegates, some 700 in number, who meet biennially at a given time and place to review, study, propose, and put into action the wider work of the United Church of Christ as it seeks to be a servant of Jesus Christ in our revolutionary times. There is automony and responsibility at every level of our church structure. The local church exercises democracy in its deliberations. The Associations, the Conferences, and the General Synod all are governed by the principle of representative democracy. Actions from an Association, a Conference, or the General Synod of the United Church of Christ to a local church should be held in the highest regard, but are not dictatorial and binding. In this kind of flexible freedom and responsibility, we live and move, and have our being.

OUTREACHING INSTRUMENTALITIES

Your church is an integral part of a North Carolina or Virginia acting association, the Southern Conference, and the General Synod of the United Church of Christ, organized for mission and service. The United Church of Christ has two major boards — one, the Board for World Ministries, which seeks to provide ecumenical relationships through mission and service in evangelism, medical services, education, relief and rehabilitation, and reconciliation in more than 30 countries of the world. More than 550 missionaries of many professional and occupational skills seek to provide a ministry of reconciliation around the world in our name and on our behalf; two, the Board for Homeland Ministries, which seeks to cooperate and facilitate plans and ser-

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vices for Evangelism, Research, Christian Education, Church Extension, Health and Welfare, Higher Education, and Publishing, as a part of the ministry and service of the United Church of Christ to our beloved United States. This board seeks to bring reconciliation and healing to our revolutionary times in our own country.

The United Church of Christ seeks to render service through instrumentalities:

1. The Council for Christian Social Action, which seeks to work in the field of international affairs, racial and cultural relations, religious liberty, social welfare, and social action.

2. The Council for Church and Ministry, which seeks to provide ministerial standards, student care, theological education, pastoral relations, chaplains for the armed forces, and to recruit ministers for service in our churches.

3. The Council for Lay Life and Work, which seeks to coordinate the work of Men's and Women's organizations into an integrated wholeness, with effort on behalf of the lay people of our denomination.

4. The Stewardship Council, which seeks to provide stewardship education, mission information and interpretation, promotion through the Christian enlistment and Every Member Canvass held in local churches, and provide audio-visuals and publications in the field of Christian stewardship.

5. The Office of Communications, which seeks to provide public relations and production of films. The public news media is an important concern.

6. The Pension Boards, which seek to provide non-profit membership for ministers in our fellowship who come to the time of retirement and need pension and ministerial relief.

7. The Council for Higher Education, which brings together representatives from the colleges and seminaries related to the United Church of Christ, for counsel and sharing in experience of operation in the field of higher education. The Council also seeks to promote budget support for the higher education institutions connected with our fellowship.

8. The Council for Health and Welfare services, which seeks to coordinate our work in the field of health and welfare. The Council seeks to coordinate the Homes for the Aged, Hospitals, and other Health and Welfare Agencies related to our United Church of Christ.

The United Church of Christ provides an excellent magazine, called the UNITED CHURCH HERALD, which seeks to keep us informed of the world-wide church.

The General Synod provides for such committees as necessary from time to time to promote further our work as the body of Christ. One of the recent committees appointed by the General Synod was the Committee for Racial Justice Now, which seeks voluntary offerings from individuals and churches for the work of racial justice in our country. Individuals and local churches are requested to share in the hope for racial justice in our country by providing voluntary contributions for the work of this important Committee. The next special offering for this Committee for Racial Justice Now will be taken on Brotherhood Sunday in February, 1966.

The United Church of Christ is a cooperating and ecumenical denomination, seeking fellowship with national and world affiliations, such as the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, and the International Congregational Council. We believe in ecumenicity and try to practice our belief in word and deed.

SHARING IN OUTREACH

Your Church is offered the privilege of sharing in the work of our fellowship through the stewardship support or the Basic Support of our denomination. Your Apportionment or O.C.W.M. goal represents your financial share of the tremendous task and opportunity provided for witness and service in the United Church of Christ. Your gifts through the O.C.W.M. goal help to carry on the work of the Southern Conference and the United Church of Christ as a part of your wider witness in sharing and service. Your generous support at this point helps to make possible our wider work.

The 1965 General Synod provided for a new program of stewardship outreach called, "Breakthrough." After we have taken care of our regular on-going budget needs in what is called Basic Support of the regular program of our denomination, we would adopt various concerns called "Target Ahead" as an over and above work of service and healing. The Basic Support needed for our regular program of the United Church of Christ would envision $10,900,000 to carry on Basic Support for our programs already budgeted. It is hoped that a million dollars over and above this basic support would be forthcoming from our churches for the program called, "Breakthrough," with the "Target Ahead" areas of much needed work. "Breakthrough" and "Target Ahead" envision the financial support for additional efforts in the following areas: population explosion, leadership for new nations, emergency action in Africa, mission strategy in Japan, a study of foreign affairs, lay training, the leisure revolution, public education, training for mission, urban mission strategy, health and welfare, the war on poverty, and increased support for the ministry. These "Target Ahead" programs cannot be put into operation until we have achieved our Basic Support. If each local church could make the "Target Ahead" more than a dream by sharing generously over and above their regular O.C.W.M. goal, this could be done.

The Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ was formed on September 30, 1965, from three units of the United Church of Christ in North Carolina and half of Virginia — the Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Convention of the South Congregational Christian Churches (our Negro brethren), and the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches have consolidated to form the new Southern Conference. Realignment at the Southern Conference level has been accomplished, and the realignment of 12 acting associations into permanent associations is an unfinished item on the agenda. To this task, we shall now turn in the immediate future.

Your Church is invited to share fully in the work of the Southern Conference and the United Church of Christ in our revoluntionary world, as we seek to clarify our structure and function, to inform others concerning the United Church of Christ, to overcome our deficiency in Biblical, historical and theological understanding, to be better informed and so more disposed to participate in the life and mission of the church, and to discover more fully the relevance of the Christian faith to contemporary life with its fast moving developments in such areas as science, technology, morality, structures of power, economics, the arts, etc. Truly, the local congregation is called to join the United Church of Christ as we seek to find the servant role of the church in our revolutionary times.

The Southern Conference needs your Church and you need the Southern Conference. Together, we can make a dent in our states and our world. Your Conference Minister, Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., the Board of Directors of the Southern Conference, and 13 committees of the Southern Conference stand ready to be your servants. We urge you to stand with us.

Call To Prayer For Bible Society

The year 1966 will see the culmination of many plans and programs as the American Bible Society seeks to lift up God's Word in recognition of its One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary. Many people will become aware of the Bible for the first time. Many others will be reawakened to the power of the Scriptures in building vital faith.

As the year opens, the Society asks its friends in the churches to join in prayer that this might be a year without precedent in Bible witness. It covets prayer throughout the year, but in particular it asks that January be set aside by churches and individuals to intercede on behalf of the Bible, the Bible Societies and the scores of Anniversary activities.

If 1966 is to be long remembered as "The Year of the Bible," in great measure this will be because the Anniversary events were steeped in prayer.

The General Secretary of the United Bible Societies, Dr. Olivier Beguin, wrote in that organization's **Prayer Guide,** "Prayer is indispensable to Bible Society work. In prayer, translators, publishers, distributors, administrators are strengthened and renewed in their routine work, sustained in their vision and equipped for creative action. Through it friends and supporters of the Bible Society movement undergird their gifts and interests. The Bible Societies cannot be efficient unless they are upheld by the prayers of the churches and of their individual members."

The need of the hour was expressed by Dr. Eric M. North, former American Bible Society General Secretary when he prayed, "Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in dependence upon Thee, we confess that the call which Thou has put before us here in this New Age is hard for us to face. The way is plain. Thou hast given us this Book in which every man can find his way to Thee through Thy Son, whose glorious life is here set forth.

"We have learned how to put God's Word into the language of every man; we have learned how to print it so that every man may read it; we have learned how to bind it and carry it all across the world. We know this is what Thou callest us to do. But we need — Thy whole Church needs — the will to do it.

"Grant us, grant Thy Church, the grace of obedience — just simple undecorated obedience — to will and to do Thy will. What vast chants of praise would then rise from those who would have found Thee in this Book. How marvelously the confused and wicked world would be changed! Lord, help us to obey! There is no other way. Amen."

New Children's Bible Out

Cokesbury has published an 8½ x 11 edition of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible for youngsters and adults. This is an exceptionally fine gift for Christmas. It contains special material written for young people, maps, more than 600 two-color illustrations, introductions to each book of the Bible, and the text itself in large readable type. Copies of this new book sell for $5.95 plus postage from **Cokesbury, Mail Order Department, Fifth and Grace Sts., Richmond, Va. 23216.** Add 25 cents for postage. The Southern Convention office has three copies for sale at $5.25, first come first served. No mail orders on these three. Stop in at the office in Elon College and get a copy.

ADULT COURSE — UNITED CHURCH CURRICULUM

The material for adult classes using the United Church Curriculum, for use from February - June of 1966, will be mailed after the first of the year according to an announcement from the Division of Publication. The course will be titled **The Church Fathers Speak.**

The Southern Conference Staff

Introducing Edwin M. Alcorn

The Reverend Edwin M. Alcorn is a native of Manchester, Maryland. Following completion of high school there, he entered the University of Maryland and studied at that institution for one year. It was at that point that he made his decision to enter the ministry and, to complete his education, he entered Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania (A. B. in 1944) and Lancaster Theological Seminary (B. D. in 1946). He studied for an additional year at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut. In 1947 he was ordained into the Christian ministry.

Mr. Alcorn has served the following churches: Timberville, Virginia, Trinity and St. Luke's Charge (1947-1952); Middletown, Maryland, Christ Church and Resurrection Church Charge (1952-1956); Trinity Church, Conover, North Carolina (since 1956). He has been active on a number of Southern Synod committees and serves as a member of the United Church Retirement Home Board of Directors. Currently he is chairman of the Christian Education Committee of the former Southern Synod, and is a member of the Church Extension Committee of that judicatory.

Mrs. Alcorn is the fromer Edith May Horn of Labadie, Missouri. The Alcorns have four children: Lowell (14), Bayard (12), Janice (10), and Gregory (8).

Mr. Alcorn will be serving the Southern Conference as the Western North Carolina Area Minister, with his office at Salisbury.

The United Church Retirement Home

By Frank Clapp

The need for a retirement home in our midst is great. There is an ever increasing number of elderly persons within our church in North Carolina who urgently need a place where they can live quietly and in peace. A place where they can find security during their golden years.

As a result of the great advances made in the fields of medicine and surgery, the span of man's life has been extended by many years. With the passing time and with the continuing advances made by medical scientists in the field of geriatrics, more and more people will reach advanced age; thus the need for homes for the aged will continue to grow at an ever increasing rate.

In North Carolina practically every home for the aged and every nursing home is filled to capacity. There is no community housing and no private commercial housing specifically for the aged; therefore, church related homes must be provided. There are in North Carolina several excellent church-related homes for elderly people and all of them have long waiting lists of applicants for admission. Our church has no such home for the aged and dependants of our denomination. On the basis of a survey of need conducted in the churches of the former Southern Synod it appears that there are approximately one hundred fifty elderly persons qualified for admission to a retirement home. (No figures are available as to the number of persons from the former Southern Convention who might desire to become residents at a church-related retirement home.)

The need for a retirement home for the elderly people of our church is real and the need is urgent. It behooves the people of the Church to build such a facility, so that we can provide for the care of those of our people who can no longer care for themselves.

It was not until October, 1964, however, that the United Church Retirement Home project began to be publicized. A foundation for this was laid down as far back as 1957. Dr. Harvey Fesperman, then President of Southern Synod, appointed a committee to make a study relative to the need for a home for the aged and aging. The Rev. Lawrence Leonard was named chairman of that committee.

At the meeting of Synod in 1958 the committee headed by Mr. Leonard recommended that Synod establish a home for the aged and aging within the bounds of North Carolina, and that a board of trustees be appointed. Synod adopted these and other recommendations and the movement to build a home for the senior citizens of the Church officially became a project of the Church. In 1961 "The United Church Retirement Home" was incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

The Board of Trustees began to formulate definite plans and policies relative to the establishment of a retirement home for the elderly people of the Church who need a place to live.

In August, 1964, the Board of Trustees challenged a layman, Mr. Frank Clapp, a member of Grace United Church of Christ, Newton, N. C., to serve as Executive Secretary of the Retirement Home Board. Since his appointment Mr. Clapp has been conducting an educational campaign relative to the Retirement Home project among the churches.

In October, 1964, an offer was made by a Catawba County family to donate a very desirable tract of land, located near Newton, and a substantial sum of money to the retirement home project. This offer was made contingent upon the contribution of matching funds by the people of the Church. The Board of Trustees voted to accept the offer and the proposal was accepted by Southern Synod. The Synod voted to permit the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Home to conduct a campaign to raise the funds necessary to build the first unit of the Home. This campaign will be launched in the near future.

As soon as sufficient funds are available it is expected that construction of the first unit of the Home will be begun.

IN NEW SANCTUARY

Hine's Chapel Special Services

Consecration services for the newly completed sanctuary of the Hine's Chapel United Church of Christ, McLeansville (interior shown on the cover of this issue) were held on November 28 at 3:00 p. m. The first worship service in the new facility was held early in November — a communion service.

During the week of November 28, special services are being held each evening at 7:30. Guest preacher for these services is the Rev. Dr. William E. Wisseman, pastor of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Greensboro.

The new sanctuary, the exterior of which is shown here, was constructed at an approximate cost of $75,000. It represents a departure from traditional church architecture, using exposed laminated wooden beams, pews of light oak, and a huge cross in a translucent window behind the pulpit. It is connected with the educational building by a glass-wall walkway and foyer.

The Hine's Chapel Church is one hundred and five years old and serves people in the community of McLeansville as well as northeastern Greensboro and the wider county area in which it is located. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Thomas W. Madren. One of the oldest churches in Guilford County, Hine's Chapel has 174 members on its roll.

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J. Rex. Thomas Submits Resignation

J. Rex Thomas, pastor of Sophia United Church of Christ and Flint Hill Church, will terminate his ministry there to enter Lancaster Theological Seminary for the completion of his formal theological education. His resignation is effective on January 16, 1966. In his letter to the churches, Mr. Thomas quotes Paul's injunction to Timothy: ". . . study and show yourself approved, a workman that needeth not be ashamed."

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Notes From Under The Desk

A few days ago, my feet got tangled up in the myriad electric cords which extend from my desk to the side secretary table, on which rest the telephone, tape recording transcriber machine, and intercom phone. As it happened, a bow on my shoe had become entangled and I almost hit the floor before becoming disentangled and proceding on my way out the door to lunch. Needless to say, I was a bit shaken up.

Many times, I had been warned by other office personnel to watch out for those electric cords, but somehow every once in a while, I have almost taken a tumble.

I am reminded of the constant admonition given to amateur golfers, "Keep your eye on the ball!" Somehow, I must keep my eye on those cords under the desk, even though I must look up to see where I am going.

We are sometimes tempted to forge ahead and make all possible speed in a direction which we think is right, but somehow we are prone to forget that there are forces that might hold us back, or slow us down, so we must keep our eyes open for lower entanglements. Pushing forward at full speed ahead is sometimes exciting and exhilirating, even challenging and sacrificial. Remembering that there are others and other issues involved is a sobering and calming fact to consider.

It is sometimes tempting to press down on the accelerator of our high powered car and zoom forward at high speed! However, we must consider the lives of people who might be involved in a possible accident.

Although it is advisable occasionally to "proceed with all possible speed," it is wise to keep our eyes on the ball at our feet, as well as the target in the distance.

Carey Andes

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

COUPONS

The Home for Children is always in need of coupons and trading stamps which it exchanges for many things needed for the children in its care or for equipment necessary for operation. Once more it urges its friends to continue saving these for it.

The Red Scissors coupon year runs from August 31 to July 31. Last year through the help of its friends in North Carolina, Virginia, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut the Home exceeded its goal of 100,000 coupons and received a total of $409.65 in useful articles.

The Home utilizes not only Red Scissors coupons but Betty Crocker and Pillsbury coupons as well. It realizes one organization cannot hope to enable it to reach its goal of 100,000 Red Scissors coupons this year, but many organizations and individuals in the area it serves can make this possible.

Betty Crocker and Pillsbury coupons are used to get many needed items, such as kitchen utensils and dinnerware. The Home uses plastic dinnerware and this has to be replaced often because of high temperatures required for sterilization in order to meet State requirements. Such coupons also are used to get electric irons, game tables, and the like.

Often trading stamps which reach the Home from its friends in the New England states can be redeemed for luggage, always in demand, and such stamps are usually used to obtain such articles.

Coupons and trading stamps are of great benefit to the Home for Children. They enable it to get necessities — and some small luxuries — without any cash outlay. It is grateful to all those who have saved stamps and coupons for it and hope others of its friends will do likewise in the coming year.

AT CATAWBA COLLEGE

Notes On A Campus Ministry

The United Church of Christ has two colleges in North Carolina and the Southern Conference. One with which we are most familiar is Elon. The other, Catawba College, is located at Salisbury and is an institution affiliated with the former Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Word on the campus ministry being carried on at Catawba has been received from the Campus Pastor, the Reverend Porter W. Seiwell. We are grateful for his notes indicating the areas in which he carries on his ministry to the students and faculty.

The Campus Ministry at Catawba is largely a pastoral ministry. Having served at the college for six years (and prior to Catawba for another thirteen years in Pennsylvania), Mr. Seiwell finds that much of his time needs to be spent in visiting dormitories, in the infirmary and hospital, and in personal counselling. He regularly teaches six hours of Religious Education in the academic year in addition to his pastoral work on the campus. He serves as executive advisor for the more than two hundred member Student Christian Association at the college, and is responsible for the weekly Chapel Service. Preaching opportunities come regularly both on and off campus.

The wide variety of concerns with which Mr. Seiwell becomes involved is indicated in the following summary: chaplain for the football team; service club speeches; key-leader at summer camps in Pennsylvania and North Carolina; teacher of a non-credit course on "Grounds For Marriage" sponsored by the Student Christian Association and assisted by a local physician; counselling in matters of Bible, sex, domestic problems, schoolwork; premarital counselling (no one can be married in the chapel without from seven-ten hours of this counselling;) writes to all new students, parents with concerns for their sons and daughters, former students in the services, and those who have gone on to graduate school.

Those of us who have come to know something of the work of the Rev. John Graves at Elon will be interested in knowing about his counterpart at our other college, Catawba, in the Southern Conference.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

BEQUEST RECEIVED

E. M. Albright Memorial Fund

A bequest of $10,000 has been received by Elon College from the estate of the late Olivia White Albright, of Norfolk, Virginia. The bequest is in memory of her husband and is for the education of ministerial students. It becomes a part of the College's endowment funds, and is designated the "Edward M. Albright Memorial Fund."

Mrs. Albright attended Elon College with the class of 1907. She died June 23, 1964, at the age of 83. She was born in Waverly, Virginia, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. J. W. White, Sr. Her parents were staunch members of Spring Hill Christian Church, near Waverly, from which Church came many leaders of Church and State. Later moving to Norfolk her family affiliated with the Memorial Christian Temple, which in a merger with the Third Christian Church became the present Christian Temple.

She was the widow of the late Edward M. Albright, a florist in Norfolk, who preceded her in death by two years. They had one son, Edward M. Jr., who was killed in action in World War II. He had received many decorations for bravery. Her only surviving brother is Dr. M. J. W. White, Jr., a physician and surgeon of Luray, Virginia, and a former medical missionary of our Foreign Mission Board.

Coming from a devout Christian Church home, Mrs. Albright, like her parents, supported every part of the life of her Church. It is not surprising to those of us who knew her that this noble and loyal church woman should remember her Church and its institutions as she planned her estate. Elon College with gratitude receives this bequest for the education of ministerial students, and the College is glad to be a Christian agency through which Mrs. Albright and her faithful family may be remembered as servants of Jesus Christ. We hope many worthy young men and women may claim aid from the fund as they prepare for the Christian ministry and other Christian vocations.

Word has come that Mrs. Albright also made a bequest of $500 to The Christian Sun as a memorial to her father, the late Mr. M. J. W. White, Sr., who was a subscriber to The Sun for more than 50 years.

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Dr. Scott At Liberty Vance

Dr. William T. Scott, Director of Church Relations for Elon College, addressed the Churchmen's Fellowship of Liberty Vance Church, near Henderson, Wednesday night, October 27, at a supper-meeting honoring the women members of the fellowship. This was a very interesting group, because for more than two years the men and women of the Liberty Vance Church have been meeting together monthly for their supper-meeting. They meet together each month for supper with a local program and each quarter they have a guest speaker. This arrangement of the men and women meeting together has brought new vitality to the Churchmen's Fellowship as well as the strengthening of the women's work of the Church.

College Choir To Present Handel's "Messiah"

The Elon College Choir will present its thirty-third annual rendition of Handel's "Messiah" in Whitley Auditorium at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, December 5th, and will then present the great Yule season oratorio twice the following Sunday, December 12th, at churches in Tryon and Conover.

The annual campus presentation of the "Messiah" on Sunday, December 5th, will be presented under the direction of Prof. Wendell Bartholf, with Prof. Fletcher Moore as organ accompanist. Professor Bartholf will also have the role of tenor soloist for the Handel presentation.

Sopranos on the Choir roster are: Jane Aldridge Blalock, Burlington, N. C.; Katherine Copeland, Norfolk, Virginia; Susan Curtis, Elyria, Ohio; Linda Durham, Burlington, N. C.; Marilyn Farley, Hollins, Virginia; Agnes French, Clayton, N. C.; Ann Gordon, Burlington, N. C.; Diana Lewis, Falls Church, Virginia; Catherine Mangum, Durham, N. C.; Anna Rose Marino, Elon College, N. C.; Elizabeth Patterson, Burlington, N. C.; Elaine Sawyer, Washington, N. C.; Nancy Thomas, Burlington, N. C.; Mary Anne Underwood, Suffolk, Virginia;

Altos: Betsy Dearborn, Salisbury, N. C.; Mary Faust, Salisbury, N. C., Becky Harward, Durham, N. C.; Susan Jager, Pawtucket, R. I.; Carol Lupinacci, Stamford, Conn.; Gina Prescott, Arlington, Virginia; Gail Wachter, Norfolk, Virginia; Sandy Williams, Newport News, Virginia;

Tenors: Allen Bush, Eclipse, Virginia; Melvin Cotten, Fuquay Varina, N. C.; Kenneth Hollingsworth, Randleman, N. C.; Don Harris, Burlington, N. C.; Wayne Kanoy, Hampton, Virginia; George Wyman, West Springfield, Mass.;

Basses: Dwight Davis, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Howard Eaton, Carl, N. C.; Billy Hicks, Elon College, N. C.; Jay Ogden, Jacksonville, Florida; Wayland Pond, Suffolk, Virginia; Terry Sink, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Randolph Smart, Norfolk, Virginia; Ray Smith, Springdale, Ohio; Felix Shaw, Greensboro, N. C.; Ronald Warren, Burlington, N. C.

The two presentations in Western North Carolina will carry the choir to Tryon for an appearance at the Congregational Church of Christ at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, December 12th, and that afternoon to the Trinity United Church of Christ at Conover for a program at 5 o'clock.

Building Bids Rejected

The Board of Trustees of Elon College, who met in special session November 17, 1965, to open bids for the construction of a new student center and a new men's dormitory on the Elon campus, voted to reject all bids received when the low bid exceeded architect's cost estimates by approximately $150,000.

Bids were received from five general contractors, but none were in line with the estimates for the construction of the two-story student center and for the three-story men's dormitory. Architect's estimates for the two structures had listed the cost at approximately $274,000 for the student center and $359,000 for the dormitory.

In voting to reject all bids opened, the Elon trustees decided to make some minor alterations in the specifications for the two buildings and to advertize for bids again, probably during the month of December.

Dr. J. E. Danieley, Elon College president, emphasized that the College plans to begin construction of the two buildings at the earliest possible date, but he pointed out that further negotiations are necessary with regard to financial arrangements for the construction.

Problems In Angola

"The church is where our emphasis should be placed."

We are happy indeed, that Larry Henderson and family have been granted return visas and we expect them next month. At present we have located them here in Dondi. We do not allow ourselves to hope that their return means a change of policy on the part of the government. They will not really add to our number as two Canadian workers have had to return to Canada for health reasons within the last three months. In spite of the fact we have located the Hendersons here in Dondi, we still are faced with the problem of giving sufficient missionary support to our work. We have two missions with no missionary at all, one with one single woman and two with two single women each. When there are no missionaries, those already overworked are trying to help as much as possible and we are thankful that when this has been necessary, permission for them to travel has been granted. During the years we have built up considerable educational and medical work. More and more the government, as in other places, is taking over responsibility for these branches of work, but still our institutions are very much needed. We feel and know in our hearts, that for the future the church is where our emphasis should be placed. But when we settle down to the possibility of closing a school or a hospital, it is very difficult indeed. More and more our African colleagues are taking positions of responsibility, but as they assume responsibility their salaries go up and finances are a problem. It is hard to turn down young folk who want more education, who try to find positions where they will be respected and feel they are of worth.

From: **Miss E. Marie Crosby,** Angola

United Church Women Study The Tactics Of Extremism

The "high hostility quotient" of groups of people on both the political left and right was analyzed in an all-day presentation during the triennial national training session conducted by United Church Women in New York City last week. Meeting Oct. 25-29 at the Statler Hilton Hotel were some 350 church women from all parts of the country, Alaska, Hawaii and the District of Columbia.

Addressing the Workshop on Extremism on Oct. 27 were Dr. and Mrs. Harry Overstreet and the Rev. Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, former associate general secretary for communication of the National Council of Churches and now Northeast Regional Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

A "lack of compassion and high hostility quotient" are two characteristics of the extremist mentality, Dr. Bonaro Overstreet told the church women. With her husband she wrote the best-selling books, "What We Must Know About Communism," which drew a direct attack from Moscow, and "The Strange Tactics of Extremism," which has drawn the fire of the right wing. Both authors stressed, however, that they "trust an informed American public to come to sane and reasoned conclusions."

Dr. Proctor ascribed some extremist resistance to change as "man's reluctance to give up a known advantage to himself for a shared advantage with others." A Baptist minister, he called this "a manifestation of original sin."

Following group discussions of extremist tactics, Mr. Fletcher Coates, executive director of the NCC Department of Information, conducted a question and answer period, and offered specific recommendations on ways to counteract attacks made by extremist groups and individuals.

A Prayer For Extraordinary Life

By William T. Joyner

O Lord,
Propel me
out of the ordinary.

Make me discontent
with every incomplete moment,
every meaningless experience,
every empty conversation,
and every failing relationship
of my existence.

Increase in me,
as thou didst increase in the woman of Samaria,
a thirst for living water.
And keep alive in me
the quest for a life
which amounts to more
than a series of mechanical functions
performed in a vacuum.

When I become preoccupied with busy-ness
and the lifelessness of things,
Slow me down
and remind me,
as thou didst remind Martha of Bethany,
that "one thing is needful."

O thou giver of Abundant Life,
Break down in me
those barriers of mind and heart
which cause me to become an isolated, empty shell,
alienated from the very people I need.
And cure me of the possessiveness
which causes my love for others
to become a parasitic vine,
choking the life out of
everything I touch.

Always and in every place, dear Lord,
Nourish in me
a passion
for the extraordinary life. Amen.

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION NEEDS YOUR REGULAR SUPPORT

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Eva Harrell Rogers

Died October 1, 1965; faithful member of the Cypress Chapel Christian Church, Suffolk, Virginia. Tribute paid by the Women's Fellowship of her church.

ON THE EDGE

Christian Enlistment Sunday was observed at **Long's Chapel United Church of Christ near Burlington** on November 14 with the following participants sharing in the special service: Mrs. Becky Wyatt, Mrs. Betty Ector, Mrs. Sarah Faulkner, Mrs. Larry Russell, Mrs. Polly Lewis, Mrs. Lillian Carey. Mrs. Bessie Phillips presented a meditation entitled **Worship At Long's Chapel.** Music was provided by a trio: the Mesdames Donna Wyatt, Jane Hanford, and Lois Bivins. Mrs. Eva King and Mrs. Daisy Hester were presented Life Memberships during the service which was sponsored by the Women's Fellowship.

Dr. William T. Scott, Historian of the Southern Convention, was guest speaker on Sunday, November 7, at the Meeting of the Historical Society of the Southern Synod. The meeting was held at Catawba College Library, Salisbury, and Dr. Scott presented a paper on the history of the Christian Church — Its Rise and Principles.

The Rev. Dr. A. Warren Matthews, pastor of **The Christian Temple in Norfolk** was the preacher for the Annual Thanksgiving Service in the Park Place community held at the Park Place Methodist Church.

TWO PLAYS AT HEIDELBERG, THOMASVILLE

During the Christmas season there will be two plays presented to the Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville by the children and young people of the church. The first, **Asher The Camel Boy,** will be presented on December 19 by the children of the church school. The second, **Why The Chimes Rang,** will be presented on December 22 by the Senior Choir and the Senior Youth Fellowship.

Dr. Banks J. Peeler, president of the former Southern Synod, was the guest preacher at **Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville** on November 28 while the pastor of the church, the Rev. G. Harold Myers, works with the Church of the Master in Hickory in a fund-raising drive.

Chapel Hill United Church of Christ is engaging in an evaluation conversation with the Rev. Richard N. Rinker who has spent two Sunday mornings observing church school classes in session and met with teachers Sunday afternoon, November 21, to discuss his suggestions for further development.

UCCF At Duke University

The United Christian Campus Fellowship at Duke University, in which we share by our support of the campus minister, the Rev. Richard Prust, conducts regular programs of interest and concern to the students and factulty. During the coming weeks the following subjects will be discussed: Death of God Theology; The Playboy Philosophy.

The Rev. Daniel W. Jones, pastor of the **First Congregational Christian Church (UCC) in Reidsville,** was the preacher for Union Thanksgiving Service held at Penn Memorial Baptist Church in Reidsville.

Dr. John G. Truitt preached at **Monticello United Church of Christ in Brown Summit** on November 28. The church honored Dr. Truitt for his fifty years in the ministry on that day.

The Rev. Odell J. Powell, pastor of **Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ in Gibsonville,** was the speaker for the Annual Union Thanksgiving Service at Hine's Chapel.

Dr. H. Shelton Smith Authors New Book

"Horace Bushnell," a new volume in **A Library of Protestant Thought,** edited by Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Professor Emeritus, Duke University, is announced by Oxford University Press, New York. Horace Bushnell, known chiefly as the author of "Christian Nurture," has in recent years become the object of increasing theological interest. Dr. Smith in this latest volume shares his fruitful research, and here reproduces extended selections from Bushnell's leading works, providing analyses of the circumstances out of which the original texts emerged.

Dr. Smith, an alumnus of Elon College, B.A. in the class of 1917, and of Yale University, Ph.D., is a minister in the United Church of Christ. He recently retired from the faculty of Duke University after many years of service there. This fall he gave the James Gray Lectures at Duke, and is to be a Visiting Professor at Oberlin Theological School, Oberlin, Ohio.

Chapel Hill UCC Article

THE CHAPEL HILL WEEKLY carried a picture and a lengthy historical article regarding the United Church of Christ at Chapel Hill, N. C., recently. We would commend THE CHAPEL HILL WEEKLY for this news coverage and the Chapel Hill Church for its fine record. This Church was organized in 1910 mainly through the initial efforts of E. W. Neville, who is still an active member. Rising before daybreak, Mr. Neville went down on Sunday morning to stoke the furnace and ring the bell. Some of the nearby fraternity boys didn't take kindly to having their sleep disturbed, and sometimes the bell clapper would be missing. Later, the clapper would be mysteriously returned. It was only after church officials had tactfully let it be known that the bell would be tolled only at the regular worship hour that the clapper stopped its weekend disappearances.

The Rec-Nic Project

To date a total of $936.00 has been received from Women's Fellowship groups in the former Southern Convention. This will be used for the project being sponsored by the Women's Fellowship to erect a multiple-purpose building at Moonelon Center for use by campers and church groups. The goal is about one-fourth met. Groups are encouraged to send in their gifts for this project as soon as possible in order to permit construction to begin when the funds are in hand, hopefully in the spring of next year.

Notice To Pastors

It is likely that Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina, will offer a course in Congregational Polity for ministers of the United Church of Christ in the spring semester. Ministers in the Raleigh-Durham-Henderson area may wish to audit the course at a cost of $15.00. Divinity School students of the United Church of Christ will want to take the course for credit. Interested persons should please get in touch with Rev. Richard L. Jackson, 2402 Chapel Hill Rd., Durham, N. C., or Rev. John C. Allen, III, Sanford, N. C. We are grateful for the splendid cooperation that exists between Duke Divinity School and the United Church of Christ.

What's This About CEA's

What the CEA's do is a matter which is rapidly expanding. Originally organized and trained to help interpret the new teaching materials of our fellowship, the CEA's have since become effectively engaged in many other avenues of service and growth. Here are a few of the kinds of things they may do:

+++ **the exploration of biblical, theological, and educational foundations for Christian education**

+++ **the deepening of their understanding of persons (including themselves) and their developmental needs at every stage of life**

+++ **the seeking out of Christian meaning and direction in the life issues with which men struggle in their culture and the world**

+++ **the discovering of how people learn and how they themselves learn in this discovery**

+++ **the developing of understanding and skills for their particular specialized ministries (pre-school, primary, junior, youth, adult, recreation, music, creative arts, facilities, missions, et al)**

+++ **the learning of new methods, how to use materials, and how to help others use materials and resources**

The CEA's are therefore Christian education leaders who have been invited to venture out in the forefront of those who are exploring new ways of leadership development in the United Church of Christ.

Penna. Council & Extremists

At the recent semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, a statement was issued urging member churches and their people "to become familiar with the tactics, methods and goals of extremists." It also called on them to "react creatively and with Christian love to their irresponsible charges and activities."

The statement underlined that "extremists seek to infiltrate churches and other community organizations," creating a "threat to democratic processes." Such infiltration in local Parent-Teachers Associations and other organizations has been documented, said the Council statement.

Deploring extremism of either left or right, the Board expressed its concern that "millions of dollars are being poured each year into a propaganda campaign aimed at influencing American public opinion by disseminating fright, along with distrust of respected American leaders and established institutions," among them the churches and councils of churches.

The Board's statement cited six characteristics of the right and left-wing extremists: 1) both have little patience with the democratic process; 2) both encourage violence to resolve issues; 3) both categorize issues in terms of absolutes; 4) both attack and would undermine American institutions and traditions; 5) both are essentially negative in their outlook; and 6) both engage in character-damaging accusations.

The statement cited particularly the extremist attacks on elected leaders, including former Presidents; the judicial system, particularly the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; military and labor leaders, educators, and the clergy. "This undermining of confidence begins at the national level," said the statement, "and extends to the smallest hamlet in the land."

OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION

More Audio-Visuals

WITH OUR HANDS

This filmstrip describes the experiences of young people in a work camp in the Ozark mountains. The young people worked, played and worshipped together. Their experiences made each feel that he would like to give a summer again to help others. They gave the work of their hands and the affections of their hearts without thought of reward.

THE CHURCH IS PEOPLE

This filmstrip tells of a little girl who found out that the church is not just a building but Christian people working together for Christ and His gospel. She finds love in action although they do not worship in a beautiful building with a steeple and stained-glass windows, and an organ, and a choir. The people worked together to make their new church come alive. Excellent resource for introducing year's mission theme to children.

MORE THAN WARMTH

This filmstrip tells of the work of the United Clothing Appeal with Church World Service. This group collects clothing the year around for people around the world. They provide for processing funds, identifying cooperating denominations, using promotional materials, exchanging ideas and helping local groups to help in this project. This group provides "more than warmth" to thousands of people throughout the world who have been hit by flood, famine, earthquake or destitution. Each church should do its best to help in this effort.

MY SISTER HILWA

This filmstrip tells the story of a Lebanese boy who was trying to help his deaf sister. Through Church World Service and other groups, she was able to receive training in order to lip read and talk and thus make a place for herself in the world.

WAIT A MINUTE

"Wait A Minute" was produced to interpret to children, ages 6-12, how the overseas relief money they give in their Church School classes feeds and clothes hungry and destitute children all over the world and sends life-giving medicines, vitamins and other kinds of help as well. The clever use of the tiny character, the Wait-A-Minute Man, and the colorful cartoons effectively present the message in a way which will appeal to children and adults alike.

Summer Service Opportunities

The Specialized Ministries Department of the United Church of Christ has published its annual brochure on **Summer Service Opportunities.** This booklet lists and offers details for the many kinds of summer services available for students and adults in the wider mission of the church. These include WORK CAMPS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE, INTER-DENOMINATIONAL PROJECTS, ONE YEAR VOLUNTARY SERVICE and CARAVANS. Work is planned both in the United States and abroad.

Information about Summer Service Opportunities for 1966 may be obtained from: Specialized Ministries, Division of Christian Education, Pottstown RFD 2, Penna. 19464.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Advent-ure

Whether in the proclamation of the annunciation angel speaking to Mary, or in the response of the maiden to the angel's revelation, or in the journey of the magi, or in the subsequent responses over the centuries to this event in history which we have come to call Christmas . . . in all of these there is a pulsating feeling of high adventure. God was directly responsible for an historical happening which would make a difference!

The difference it has made? The heritages of nations have been altered! The lives of men have been changed! The course of history has been redirected! The centuries have taken on purposefulness!

This is not always the kind of adventure we will find ourselves swept up in as we anticipate the Christmas of 1965. Our adventures will include seeing the joyful eagerness of children as they impatiently ponder the slowness with which the holiday approaches their young lives. Our adventures will include the re-collecting of memories from the past with which our lives are made joy-full and our minds assured of the continuity of love and the security of family experiences. Our adventures will include the brightnesses and the clamorous, the frivilous and the sacred, the new and the old!

But our lives may also include tragedy. The tragedy of not being able to see the adventure in all this at all. The tragedy of tired-out responses to an annual drag called Christmas. Or the tragedy of worn-out greetings and habitually meaningless trivia. For the adventure is only an adventure when beneath the surface of our exhuberance there stands a firm conviction that God did indeed have a direct responsibility for an historical happening which did make a difference!

No adventure worth its salt can be approached without sound preparation. Adventures unprepared for turn out to be a bunch of unrelated and disappointing experiences tied together by the fact that they come near a given point in time. Christmas is a collection of prepared-for experiences which, together, are responsible for Christmas. Without preparation, Christmas is a secular holiday benefitting merchants and greeting card manufacturers. Without preparation, Christmas is limited in its appeal to children and then only as long as they remain children.

Advent and adventure are related in more than the appearance of words. What happens in Advent determines what happens in the advent-ure. What is preparation for Christmas and its adventures? Regular worship. Family conversations about what happened in history because of God's love. Prayer. The reading regularly of what our scriptures have to say about this special event. And, very important, the putting of religious and faith-centered meaning into the customs and habits of Christmas.

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35 Churches With 100% Basic Support Paid For 1965

As of November 30, the following 35 churches of the Southern Convention have fully paid their 1965 Basic Support goals (apportionment):

Eastern North Carolina
- Clayton
- Damascus
- Fuller Chapel
- Liberty Vance
- Morrisville
- Mt. Auburn
- Mt. Gilead

Western North Carolina
- Asheboro
- Needham's Grove
- Pleasant Cross
- Pleasant Hill
- Pleasant Ridge
- Seagrove
- Spoon's Chapel
- Union Grove

No. Carolina and Virginia
- Bethlehem
- Carolina
- Palm Street
- Hebron
- Lakeview
- Mebane
- Monticello
- Mt. Bethel
- Mt. Zion
- Pleasant Ridge
- Union (Va.)
- Winston-Salem

Eastern Virginia
- Antioch
- Centerville
- Holland
- Isle of Wight
- Oakland
- Rosemont
- Union Surry
- Wakefield

These churches are to be commended for their diligent stewardship and support. Church treasurers and pastors are urged to send accumulated **Basic Support** gifts (apportionment) to the **Southern Convention, Box 247, Elon College, N. C. 27244.** This applies to **1965** funds for the work of **OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION** here in our area, in the nation, and abroad. Instructions will be forthcoming for **1966 Basic Support** gifts which will be channeled through the Southern Conference beginning in January after the 1965 books have been closed.

APPORTIONMENT GIVING RECORD ON PAGE 10

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
/KJ

You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.
/RSV

Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.
/Phillips

The Advent season is a particularly important time to think again of the place in our lives occupied by worship. In our Protestant tradition, there is an ambivalence about worship which appeals to both the religious consciousness and the independence of men. God is worthy of our worship . . . this is confessed. Our worship is by personal choice, not by compulsion of the Church . . . this is proclaimed. He is worth worshiping, but only when we feel like it.

This is, of course, a perverted point of view within the heritage of Protestantism, but a common one none-the-less. Advent, and Lent, are two seasons of the year when regularity in worship may develop. Christmas, and Easter, attract large masses to the churches for worship. Everyone finds some special value in showing up at least on these Sundays. This seems to be the minimum amount of worship without which we cease to be followers of the Christ.

And yet as we look at ourselves practicing such habits of worship, and insisting on our right to worship or not worship, are we not really saying that it is we who are the worthy ones? God is a sideline concern and our convenience, our inclinations, our comfort, or our willingness comes first. We are more worthy than God, for it is not His worthiness that determines our worship of Him, but our desire. How we elect to use our time is more important than how we elect to respond to Him in worship.

Advent may serve as a time for growing in our understanding of who is God and who is more worthy of first consideration.

Christmas Cheer

By Mrs. W. W. Sloan

Christmas is a time for giving our best to the highest we know. Isn't our best more than hit-and-run giving? When the homeless child of Bethlehem became a man, he started an anti-poverty program:

Feed the hungry; clothe the naked; visit the sick and imprisoned; free the oppressed. Sell your assets and give to the poor. Do to others as you would want them to do to you. Love your neighbor as yourself.

It was not a program of once-a-year Christmas Cheer. It was giving of oneself, every day of every year, so that "the least of these" could know the joy of living.

On an Advent eve a young woman, whose two-room home was shared by a dozen human beings, was about to become a mother. She was scared, guilty, desperate. The infant's first cry was silenced. The young mother was sentenced to prison.

Then the sleeping consciences of those whose houses she had cleaned and whose children she had nurtured awoke. Friends in the white United Church of Christ joined with friends in the colored Baptist Church to locate a decent home for the girl when she could be released on parole. All gave money, or worked after hours painting, repairing and cleaning the small vacant house where she, her mother and younger brother could live, near the Baptist Church. Gifts of furniture, cooking utensils, dishes, were lovingly contributed in order to give the family a fresh start. The parole board approved the house. The little church officially welcomed the family to the new neighborhood and into their fellowship.

During the fifteen months between that Advent eve and the day on which they moved into their pleasant new home a wider fellowship grew up between the two churches. Bridges of understanding began to draw the two sides of town closer together. On the memorable occasion of their moving in, we called at the little white house. The girl's mother invited us in.

"Come and see! See the cupboard, the pretty dishes, the glasses. I'm so happy I feel like — I don't know **how** I feel! It's as if I've just begun to live!"

The Christ Child did not stay in Bethlehem. He grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. And the Spirit of the Lord was upon him to preach good tidings to the poor. So must we keep Christmas, as oft as we do it, in remembrance of him.

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ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS

SOCIAL SECURITY:

You have one more chance to enroll in Social Security. You must do so before April 1, 1966. See your nearest Social Security Office. Ministers are urged to enroll.

ANNUITY FUND:

You should be enrolled in the Annuity Fund for Ministers. Write to The Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers, 287 Park Ave. South, New York, N. Y. 10010. Your Church should pay 11% of your salary base as the Church's share of your retirement Annuity.

MEDICARE:

Ministers who have reached age 65 or who have retired should enroll in Part A "HOSPITAL INSURANCE" and Part B "MEDICAL INSURANCE' in the Medicare Program through Social Security. VISIT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE AND BE SURE THAT YOU ARE ENROLLED.

MORTGAGE BURNING & DEDICATION AT LONG'S CHAPEL

On November 28, a special service marked the burning of their mortgage and served as a time of dedication for the Long's Chapel United Church of Christ near Burlington. Sharing in the service were the Rev. Dr. John G. Truitt, Rev. Kenneth Register, and the pastor of the church, Rev. Donald Sledge. Dr. Truitt offered the dedication sermon.

ON THE EDGE

Rev. Richard N. Rinker and Mr. Johnnie Massey shared in the worship service leadership at the **First Christian Church of Burlington** on November 28. Mr. Massey is a sophomore at Elon College and a member of Beverly Hills United Church of Christ.

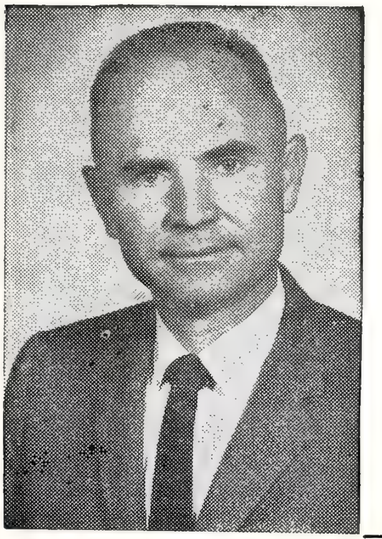
1966 will mark the seventy-fifth anniversary year of **Calvary United Church of Christ in Thomasville.** Special celebratory observances are to be planned. The Rev. Huitt R. Carpenter is the pastor.

Guest speaker at **First Congregational Christian Church (UCC) in Reidsville** on November 28 was Mr. Z. W. Austin, a representative of the Gideons, distributors of the Bible.

A Service of Homecoming and Dedication for the educational plant of the Wakefield Christian Church, Wakefield, Virginia, will be held December 12, 1965. The service will include the roll call of members, the history of the Church, and the Service of Dedication, led by the pastor, Rev. H. E. Crutchfield. An invitation to members and friends of the Wakefield Church to attend this special service has been sent from Rev. H. E. Crutchfield and Mrs. Selma A. Faison, Church Clerk. The readers of THE CHRISTIAN SUN send congratulations and best wishes to the Wakefield Church on the occasion of this important service in the life and history of the Church. The Wakefield Church was organized in 1906. Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, pastor, has been serving the Church since 1960.

The Southern Conference Staff

Introducing Clyde L. Fields



The Reverend Clyde L. Fields, D. D., is a native of Reidsville, North Carolina. Following service in World War II with the Navy, he graduated from Elon College (A. B. 1949) and Duke Divinity School (B. D. 1952). In 1962 he was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Elon College.

Dr. Fields has served as pastor of Berea and Ingram, Pleasant Ridge and Union Grove, Franklin Hunterdale, and Asheboro United Church of Christ. From the latter, in August of 1960, he was called to serve the Southern Convention as Superintendent.

Dr. and Mrs. Fields have a son, Clyde, Jr. (Ted), and two grandchildren, Brenton Lennis and Bradley Harris.

Dr. Fields has served on the Corporate Boards of both the Board for Home Missions and the Board for Foreign Missions of the Congregational Christian Church; he was on the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches; the Board of Directors for Church World Service; committees of the Executive's Conference of the denomination; consultant for the Evangelism Commission of the United Church of Christ; trustee of Elon College, Elon Home for Children; and Franklinton Center at Bricks; Master Mason and Order of Eastern Star; Alamance County Ministerial Association; Alamance Executives' Club; Rotary.

Dr. Fields will serve the Southern Conference as Eastern North Carolina Area Minister with his office at Elon College.

"One Thing I Do"

By JAMES W. MORRISON

> **Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.**
>
> Philippians 3:13

Our text expresses a determination predicated upon religious experience. Like a soldier headed for battle, or an athlete set to run a race, or a surgeon with scalpel treating a patient, St. Paul demonstrates both self-discipline and self-denial. A glimpse at who he was and what he did will help us to understand the important legacy of his ministry to our time.

Paul concentrates all his thoughts and all his energies on the one great end of life, the one thing needful. He forgets those things which are behind — that is, his agony in finding the true way of grace over against the hard rules of legalism, the ugly, prideful, way which he saw when the light of heaven blazed upon his path. But even so Paul hastens to say: "I have not fully achieved perfection." In a word he is saying: "I do not believe that I or anyone else can exhaust the possibilities of creation, so I detach myself from what has been imperfectly known or done (never clinging to it as though it were the end), holding myself ready under God for everything to be corrected and made over, stretching forth towards the things that are ahead, and pressing on to an infinite call from beyond, that I may lay hold of that which has already laid hold of me." This formula applies to every man. God, who is always Other than ourselves, lays hold upon us. God takes the initiative in calling us, in laying upon us certain responsibilities, and the outcome depends upon whether we are willing and obedient enough to accept the challenge.

Paul was a perfectionist, and he was addressing people who strongly differed with his opinion; namely, that human perfection is possible in this life. However, the people misunderstood Paul, because they failed to recognize that it is possible for a man to believe in perfection without being a perfect example himself. Paul admits that he is not a perfect Christian man, but he has attained a position where he can offer his life as an example. He is determined to attain the ultimate by declaring a single objective, a centrality of purpose in his life: **"One thing only, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.** He has spoken of a single aim, and now he imagines a race in which every faculty is concentrated on the one object. In a race, we know that the runner is lost if he turns to see what is happening behind him; his eyes must be fixed steadily on the course he has still to cover. The perfection we seek is not a state of being to be attained in this life but a goal to be pursued.

Paul recognized the re-creative work of God in individuals, in society, and in the world. In this faith he concentrates all his energies — "This one thing I do." God had laid his hand upon Paul, and Paul had laid hold upon God. A long journey lies ahead. The work of his Christian sanctification is great, and in his own way he is saying: "By the help of God, I shall overcome some day." From the day that Paul met Jesus on the Damascus Road, he never lost sight of that vision. More than anything else he wanted to be like Jesus. A man once known as Saul takes on a new identity. The persecutor becomes the persecuted. The proud scholar condenses his knowledge to the simplicity of the Cross. No longer does he boast of his Roman heritage, but he says: "By the grace of God, I am what I am." Surely Paul didn't know the old familiar hymn, but he spoke out of the same experience as John Newton: "'Twas grace that brought me safe this far, and grace will lead me home." Yes, God makes and re-makes his will in the life of every Christian. Moment by moment the process continues until our individual labors are complete. We need to recognize that we do not live by days or by hours, but we live by heartbeats. And in the same way that God renews the impulses which cause our hearts to beat he renews also his will in us to reach outward and upward in the service of his employ.

Finally, **Paul tells us that we must press our way.** Life is not an even journey. Sometimes we have to stoop to rise. We die to live. We build mansions of hope on the graves of slain passions. It is often on the stepping stones of our dead selves that we rise to high and noble things.

A few months ago the old Convention of the South sacrificed its form and existence to become a part of the new Southern Conference. We had been pressing our way until it became necessary for God to give us a new boundary, new blood, and a new vision. In a sense, God said to us: **Are you big enough to accept the challenge?** On September 30, at Elon College, Negroes of the old Convention of the South, along with their white brothers and sisters of the E & R Synod and the Southern Convention, responded with an unequivocal affirmative. We recognized that God is bigger than any human situation, so that we can never be content with where we are or with what we are. God never ceases to say to every man in every generation: **Behold, I make all things new.** We must press on from the old to the new in Jesus Christ. Any successful way of life, by its very success, outgrows the methods that created it, and may become an obstacle to the will of God. To be ready for God, to work his wonders out, is to be linked with the eternal, confident that in our obedience to his will nothing can really defeat our purpose or destroy our aim.

The questions for us today are these: How hard are we pressing in our efforts to do the work of the Church together in love and fellowship? How hard are we pressing in giving a fair and honorable share of our income to the mission of the Church? How hard are we pressing to persuade delinquent churches back into the fold? How hard are we pressing to enable our churches to stand at the forefront in the battle to win the souls of men for Christ? May God help us to say in the words of St. Paul: **This one thing I do.**

I WAS THERE — When The United Church Board For World Ministries Met

By CAREY ANDES

When the United Church Board for World Ministries held its annual meeting in Canton, Ohio, **November 15-18,** I was there — along with others from our area — **Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Lester, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Mrs. Donald C. Dearborn** (Board of Directors), **Rev. Marlin Schaeffer, Rev. Robert B. Marr, Mrs. J. Lincoln Link, and Mrs. Clyde L. Fields.** Bertie Fields and I were Associate Delegates (paying our own expenses and having no vote). The others named are part of the 225 corporate members of the Board, of which 48 are on the Board of Directors.

Under the leadership of its capable President, Rev. William C. Nelson, the Board has three vice presidents, a recording secretary, and two executive officers: Ex. Vice Pres., Rev. Alford Carleton, and Treas., Rev. Everett Babcock.

Corporate members are responsible for oversight and direction of the work of the Board. The Board hopes the Associate Delegates will help interpret our common task to churches and conferences. "Our people need to see the significance of having part in the total life of the church everywhere for their own lives to be at their best," stated Dr. Alford Carleton.

Meeting at Trinity United Church of Christ (Canton, Ohio), a new contemporary structure costing a million and a half, the board was accorded gracious hospitality and adequate space for meeting, eating, and moving about.

The opening service on Monday evening was most impressive, with two choirs, two organs, and the congregation participating in hymn and anthem singing. **Dr. Hollis Price,** Moderator of General Synod, spoke on **The Timeliness of Our Mission,** stating that people of unusual insight and wisdom are needed for our mission today. He prayed that we would each go forth from this meeting and make a contribution toward the relationship of man to man. The "Anthem of Dedication" was sung by the two choirs antiphonally — "Whom shall we send and who will go for us? — Here am I, Lord, send me." "Take My Life and Let It Be" and "O Jesus, I Have Promised" were interwoven, ending with, "O Give me grace to follow my Master and my friend."

The address by Dr. Carleton on **The Spaciousness of Our Mission** included:

The Breadth — as wide as life — "That all may have life and have it abundantly."

The Length — everywhere at once. The six continents are the home base and the mission field.

The Depth — as deep as human suffering and need.

The Height — as high as the spirit can reach to God. The greatest threat to man is the possibility of collective nervous breakdown. We want for every man the kind of world that Jesus died for.

Throughout the three days, two themes were followed: **What We Are Up Against Overseas,** and **What We Are Up Against At Home.** Some of the other speakers were: Dr. Reginald Helfferich, Dr. Margaret Blemker, Dr. John Reuling, Chester Marcus, Chang Hui Hwang from Taiwan, Robbins Strong, Dr. Ben M. Herbster, Herb Muenstermann, and a number of missionaries, who reported on their work.

Problems we are up against overseas are: **Hunger** — caused by over-population, crop failures, disasters; **Clothing the Naked; Natural Disasters** — earthquakes, typhoons, floods; **Man-made Disasters** — revolutions, counter-revolutions; **Communism** — Dr. Helfferich said: "We can outlove them and outlive them"; **Urbanization** — has possibly affected Africa more than America.

Problems we are up against at home are:

1. **Raising the money needed for the mission.** General Synod borrowed in 1964, $631,441 to meet payments pledged. Some mission work stopped for lack of funds. We need $19,386 daily to maintain overseas missions.

2. **Finding personnel needed for the mission.** We needed 165 new recruits, but this number was cut to 56 because of lack of funds. It was cut again to 33 because of lack of personnel. We are desperately in need of teachers and medical personnel in Turkey.

How can we secure needed funds and personnel? 28 per cent of the funds are from people who are dead and left the money by will, legacy, etc. Many young people are going into the Peace Corps instead of missions.

Dr. Ben M. Herbster said that we need the gospel. **"If we have anything to say to the churches of Asia, Africa, and South America, we had better say it now."** Our actions at home affect missions overseas tremendously. Dr. Herbster said that we live in a society where everything else seems more important than the gospel of Jesus Christ. The world does not expect to be saved. Secular forces of evil and bastions of power were never so strong as now. The income we have to support the mission of the church is shrinking every year. **"Deep down in the hearts of men,"** said Dr. Herbster, **"there is no longer the conviction of the need for the gospel of Jesus Christ. The great people of the world felt they owed so much to God they never could repay. Today, man feels he owes so much to himself. With Paul, we should say, 'I am bought with a price.'"** Many people will give their money, but not themselves to the mission of the church.

Changing aspects of the mission were reflected in a Panel of young people in training for missions at Stony Point, N. Y., and a radio panel interview with two missionaries — Paul Gregory and Mark Thelin. The young people from Stony Point felt that their mission would be the same in America as overseas, except for cultural differences. Mark Thelin said that his approach to the students at Tunghai University, Formosa, is that he and they try to understand each other's faith. As Paul Tillich said: "It is hard to minister to others without understanding their belief." In Turkey, we must write for Muslims as well as Christians. In Germany, we have the Starbucks in a Volkswagen plant.

The recent blackout in the Northeast was compared to our mission task. We can no longer work in isolation. We must work together. More and more, we are following the ecumenical approach. Some cooperative work is now being done with Roman Catholics and fundamentalist sect groups.

President William C. Nelson stated in his closing address:

1. The Kingdom of God is open-ended and must relate to contemporary times;
2. The Kingdom of God is in man's heart, put there by God.
3. God is involved in the scientific advances for the good of men. No amount of material goods can ever save man.

"An age like ours," he said, "is so near Utopia, yet so close to hell."

A friend of Robert Frost said, "With so many ladders going up everywhere, there must be something somewhere to lean on."

A theological seminary teacher in Taiwan, Chang Hui Wang stated: "A new Asia has come. This is what we are up against. **Churches in every country must be renewed and join hands as one great army of Jesus Christ."**

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

No. Carolina Association Of College — New Officers

At a recent meeting of the North Carolina College Conference a new constitution and a set of by-laws were adopted. The new name of the organization is the North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities.

Officers for the coming year are: President, Arthur Wenger, President of Atlantic Christian College; President-elect, Lewis C. Dowdy, President of A & T College; Secretary-Treasurer, J. P. Freeman, Director of the Division of Professional Services of the State Department of Public Instruction.

Members of the Executive Committee are: Past President, Dr. A. K. King, Vice President for Institutional Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; One Year Term: Dean L. A. Peacock, Meredith College; Two Year Term: President Richard Stone, St. Mary's College; Professor C. D. Killiam, Western Carolina College; Three Year Term: President Rudolph Jones, Fayetteville State Teachers College; President J. E. Danieley, Elon College.

Both President Stone and President Danieley are past presidents of the North Carolina College Conference.

Community — College Orchestra

The Community-College Orchestra presented a concert in Whitley Auditorium on Monday, November 8th. Dr. Malvin N. Artley is director of this 40 piece orchestra.

On November 9th, Mr. Donald Grant, traveling lecturer, was on the Elon College campus and presented talks and lectures as follows:

At the Chapel period in Whitley Auditorium he presented a talk on "Canada — The Last American Frontier"; at 4:00 P.M., in West Dormitory parlor he presented a talk and conducted a question period on "Europe — A Small Peninsula of Asia"; and at 8:00 P.M., in the West Dormitory parlor he presented a lecture on "Russia 1965."

Mr. Grant, a Highland Scot, is an honor graduate of Edinburgh University. After World War One, in Vienna, he started the student relief work which grew into the World University Service of today. Linked with Nansen and Hoover, he pioneered the WUS in the Russian famine, and he has been ever since an informed reporter on Russia. In 1933, during the World Disarmament Conference, Dr. Einstein visited Geneva in order to address the World Press and Donald Grant was his interpreter to the assembled journalists. He delighted the Elon students and faculty with his talks and lectures.

Half Million Bibles For Ghana's School Children

The largest single order for Bibles ever received in the American Bible Society's 150-year history has been placed by the Republic of Ghana for use in its public schools. Five hundred thousand Bibles and New Testaments have been requested.

Six languages will be used in supplying the order for teaching the Scriptures to Ghanaian youth. Approximately one-half of the order is for Bibles in English and the rest in the tongues of Twi-Asante, Twi-Akuapem, Fante, Ga, and Ewe.

President Nkrumah has stated: "In Africa man is considered a spiritual being." Some members of his Cabinet have also endorsed the teaching of the Scriptures as a primary objective of the new nation. Consequently, Ghana has assigned high priority to the purchase of these Bibles and Testaments, despite the country's pressing problems of currency outflow. The government will meet two-thirds of the cost. The United Bible Societies offered to contribute the remaining one-third, or $200,000 — much of which will be supplied by the American Bible Society and its more than 65 denominations.

The American Bible Society translates, publishes, distributes, and encourages the use of the Holy Scriptures. Approximately $50,000 has already been pledged to help meet this emergency, according to Dr. John H. McCombe, the Society's Executive Secretary for Church Relations. The first month's response to the appeal has been immensely gratifying, he added. The sooner the order is filled the better chance the Word of God will reach the minds of those destined to guide one of the new emerging nations in Africa.

In many schools the Bible is already being taught. In Accra, the capital, one-third of the students at the University of Kumasi are already engaged in Bible studies.

Ghana, with one of the highest standards of living of any nation in Africa, is leading the way toward the teaching of the Bible as an indispensable part of man's cultural heritage. Other nations are studying this Ghanaian educational program which has been prepared by the Christian Council for use by all schools. The American Bible Society pointed out that President Nkrumah was brought up a Christian.

Scripture distribution to Ghana has doubled within the past year, and at the present rate at least 300,000 Scriptures will be distributed in 1965. All sales are below cost because the Bible Societies are committed to providing the Scriptures to every man in the language he can read and easily understand at the price he can afford to pay.

The Baby Born In A Stable

ARCH BOOKS, published by Concordia Publishing House of St. Louis, has six new children's books in their fine series based on Bible stories. Included in this new group is **The Baby Born In A Stable,** which is the Christmas story delightfully told and illustrated. In their preceding series of six, another Christmas-centered story was made available called **Little Benjamin And The First Christmas.**

These quality religious books for children are 35c each or $2.00 for each set of six (there are now two sets). They would make wonderful gifts at Christmastime for boys and girls up through lower junior age. Order directly from the publisher: Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63118.

With The Pilgrim Circuit Rider

Dear Friends,

I retired January 1 from the Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ, after having served 32 years as a home missionary, 18 of these with the Division of Christian Education. I arrived in Manila March 10, sent by the Board for World Ministries of the United Church of Christ for a three year term with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines.

I stayed in and around Manila until the middle of April, then moved to Oroquieta in Northern Mindanao. Twelve years ago I had visited this area. Rev. Wiron Santiago was then the moderator and still has this position. When the possibility of my working in the Philippines was discussed, Mr. Santiago suggested that I come to his area; so, this was my first assignment, ending the last of November. Then I'll move to another area. My address will continue to be Box 461, Manila.

My work so far has been a combination of visiting local churches and sharing in workshops. I help church school teachers and leaders and others interested, as I did in the States. Our message is the same for all the world. Also, people's need's are alike in sharing it, whether they are in a church in the United States or a church in the Philippines.

Congratulations go to the teachers in the Philippines for their skill in story telling (no dull or motionless presentations) and for their inclusion of singing in the classes. Teachers in the United States could learn much from them if they could observe, as I do.

PROBLEMS

I find five problems which I also found in the early years of my ministry in the United States:

1. There is often wide grading, sometimes from ages two to twelve in one class and young people and adults in another. Frequently there are too many in a class. Churches are aware of these problems; some classes have been divided since I arrived and others are planning to do so.

2. Many churches have inadequate materials, or none, and do not have a plan for ordering regularly and financing. This summer the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, after nine years of work, published a new curriculum. It is hoped that within the next months the first year's courses from nursery through youth will be available. I am finding interest in the new curriculum and am giving help on it. Silliman University Extension Service publishes an adult quarterly in Cebuano.

3. High school boys and girls often teach, especially in the extension classes in the cities. High school is from the seventh through tenth grades, so these teachers are young. If they teach on Sunday morning, they miss the experience they need in their own classes. If they teach in the afternoon, too often an adult is not with them to give giudance. My attempts at training have not been successful, because one cannot give them maturity. Some have difficulty in understanding my English. Our experience at Oroquieta in an off-campus Christian Education School for college students indicates that it is possible to have effective training with this group, however.

4. Some teachers tell their groups what to think and do, instead of using methods which encourage and challenge personal thinking and choosing. I am told that this is a heritage of more than 300 years of Spanish rule, when the elders determined the life and thought of the younger generation. This seems to be firmly fixed.

Changes are coming more rapidly than most people realize. Young people go away to school or to the city more than in past days. They need to have help in developing personal skill in decision-making before they leave home. The new curriculum gives help on this, and public school teachers say they benefit from our workshops. Public and church schools can meet the challenge of our times.

5. Many church schools begin late on Sunday morning and have a long closing service. In the latter, verses are recited (not really memorized), often followed by a speaker who repeats what was said in the adult class. I am ashamed of my country for introducing this pattern so effectively that it continues, after many churches in the United States now provide more time for classes. Some superintendents are asking for guidance on better class division and use of time. Some do start their worship service on time and either omit the closing service or limit it.

TRAVELS

The truck in which I lived and traveled in the United States for five years has been given to the United Church of Christ in the Philippines by the Boards of the United Church of Christ in the United States. It serves here as in the States, as my home, office, and means of transportation. I accept the gracious hospitality of the people for meals, as I did in the States. At Oroquieta I live completely in the truck. Most of the time a girl from a nearby dormitory stays with me.

Some have felt that the truck would not be durable enough to travel on Filipino roads. So far, all is well; the truck takes the rough, rocky roads. The distances are short and the speed very slow, often about fifteen miles an hour. We bump, roll and jerk over the stony roads, with bursts of speed and expressions of delight when we find short stretches of asphalt. Usually from one to five people go with me, so our traveling together and our sharing in the churches is an experience in Christian fellowship.

Sincerely yours,
Leila Anderson

Church Library Registration Invited

The United Church Bookstores in Boston and Philadelphia are sponsoring a plan to encourage the formation of libraries in local UCC churches, and to stimulate the growth and improvement of established libraries. Libraries which register in the plan will be entitled to a 25 percent discount on all books priced at $1.00 or more, provided they carry the normal discount from publishers to bookstores. A $5.00 registration fee entitles the libraries to a subscription of the **United Church Herald** and guides and materials for better library service.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Endowment Needed

December 2, 1965

Dear Friends:

We are more than pleased with the response that we are having to our Thanksgiving-Christmas Appeal. At the writing of this letter (December 1), we are already getting a good response from individuals and our churches. The $30,000 goal that we set this year is a must if we are to meet the basic needs of the boys and girls in our care.

As most of you know, we have not been able to build up a sufficient endowment over the years. This is one of our hopes and dreams. This means, therefore, that it is necessary for us to depend upon current giving to carry our total program.

Most child-caring agencies like ours have rather large endowments that help them sufficiently on their current expenses. We, unfortunately, are not in that position. However, we are certainly grateful for the gracious support and interest that we are receiving, not only from individuals in our churches, but from various organizations in business and industry. With this continued support and interest, we will be able to meet the basic needs of boys and girls who cannot do for themselves.

If you have not already through your church, or some organization of your church, sent a Thanksgiving-Christmas gift to our Home, we hope you will do so in the remaining days before this season ends.

Very soon now, **The Christian Sun** will cease publication and will become a part of the Southern Conference News. Thus, it will be necessary for us to make our reports in a different way. After January 1, reports from the Home will appear in **Our Children.** Those Thanksgiving reports that are not published in the next two issues of **The Christian Sun** will appear in the January issue of **Our Children.**

If you presently don't receive **Our Children,** please send us your name and address and allow us to put your name on our mailing list. We are most anxious to keep in touch with all of our people. In this way, it will be possible for you to know what is taking place at The Elon Home for Children.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 8, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 172.67
Western North Carolina Conference	19.50
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	206.61
Total	$ 398.78
Special Offerings	
Mr. D. M. McLelland, Burlington, N. C.	10.00
United Church of Christ, Chapel Hill, N. C. By: S. H. Basnight & Sons	50.00
First Congregational Church, Roanoke, Alabama Sunday School	19.85
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. C. A. Lea (2 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mrs. Lula Bateman	
In Memory of Mr. J. J. Manning	
In Memory of Miss Lisa Sumner	
In Memory of Mr. Wilkinson	
In Memory of Mr. D. L. Barker	
In Memory of Mr. William Conway Bryant	
In Memory of Mrs. Rollie Gale	
In Memory of Mrs. Fannie Hazlip	
In Memory of Edith McPherson Spencer	
In Memory of Mr. J. Howard Lamb	
In Memory of Mr. George Short	
Total Memorial Gifts	43.50
Thanksgiving Gifts	
Mr. R. O. Browning, Burlington, N. C.	50.00
Old Steeple Church, Aquebogue, N. Y.	20.00
Mrs. W. H. Ayscue, Henderson, N. C.	25.00
Total Thanksgiving Gifts	95.00
Special Offerings	1,200.52
Total	$1,468.87
Total for the Week	$1,904.87

REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 15, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 102.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	71.00
Western North Carolina Conference	14.00
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	249.00
Total	$ 436.00
Special Offerings	
Willing Hands Circle, Bayview United Church, Norfolk, Virginia	10.00
Business Women's Circle, First Bible Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina	10.00
Mr. Stuart Oldson, Salem, Massachusetts	22.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mr. Bob Bollinger	
In Memory of Miss Beth Corr	
In Memory of Mr. Alex R. Foushee	
In Memory of Mr. Rudolph Britt	
In Memory of Mr. Winfred E. Paul	
In Memory of Mrs. Ben Holden	
In Memory of Mrs. James A. Holt, Sr. (5 Memorials)	
Total Memorial Gifts	70.00
Special Offerings	60.00
Thanksgiving Offerings	
Mr. and Mrs. Gran P. Childress, Asheville, N. C.	10.00
Mr. Doyle McFarland, Sanford, N. C.	100.00
Mrs. Laurin Leete, Portsmouth, Va.	25.00
Mt. Zion United Church, Mebane, N. C.	83.00
Mr. P. K. Holt, Burlington	250.00
Miss Violet J. Holt, Burlington	100.00
Rotary Club, Burlington, N. C.	1,710.00
Total Thanksgiving Offerings	$2,278.00
Total	$1,850.00
Total for the Week	$2,248.78

Marshall Islands Planning

". . . . fellowship and sharing between members of two races produced a sense of brotherhood in Christ . . . ."

We had occasion to watch carefully for the various ships and schooners this summer, as we on Ebeye were hosts to the JARIN RARIK DRON, the biennial conference of Marshallese Churches. Once every two years, the pastors and lay-leaders of the United Church of Christ in the Marshall Islands join on one of the 34 atolls for a time of study and planning together. This year the delegates began arriving in May as those from the more isolated areas began taking advantage of various means of transportation.

When the conference actually began in mid-July, our 138 guests felt very much at home. For three weeks, daily sessions were held from 8:00 A. M. through to 9:30 P. M. There were periods of Bible study and worship, classes in church administration and music, lengthy business meetings and discussions of the meaning of Christian marriage, the responsibility of our island churches in the growing liquor problem, the place of the Church in the changing island community, and how young people can most effectively be reached with the Gospel. A Sunday School seminar was conducted during which Alice was able to share with the outer-islanders ideas which have grown out of her experiences with the Ebeye children and Church school leaders.

One special bonus of this year's conference was its proximity to the American community on the Kwajalein missile site. Exchange services with the Chaplain, Rev. Luke Markve, and the base congregation were arranged. A combined concert presented by the Marshallese and American choirs, and other times of fellowship and sharing between members of the two races produced a sense of brotherhood in Christ, not previously felt.

From: **The Rev. Elden Buck,** Micronesia

The Boys Of Hong Kong

The racket made in any boys' school during lunch hour can be deafening. But it is nothing compared to the racket of Ho Ling's small, overcrowded school lunchroom in the refugee area of Hong Kong.

Ho Ling does not mind the noise. Gleefully, he consumes his modest bowlful of food, then jostles with his fellow students as they return to their studies. Yet what Ho Ling does not yet fully realize is that the population of Hong Kong has already skyrocketed from a post-World War II total of 600,000 to an unprecedented 4,000,000 today — and that some day it may be impossible to provide him and his friends not only with schooling but even with their modest rations of food.

The fact is that famine stalks the future of Hong Kong, and, for the sake of hundreds of thousands like Ho Ling, the church must face the fact realistically. Already **Our Christian World Mission** operates clinics for planned parenthood in Hong Kong, as well as in Puerto Rico. And as one of the goals of "Target Ahead," the United Church proposes to increase the number of these clinics in needy areas throughout the world.

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

Medical Missions In Africa

"Why should we be so hesitant to talk . . . about religion . . . .?"

Every now and then we have inquiries from church people in America which go something like this: "We can understand about medical mission work in foreign countries, but the evangelism that is done in mission hospitals rather bothers us. How does it work out in practice?" When I was in high school, I can remember saying to my father (who was a design engineer for Eastman Kodak Company and a dedicated churchman), "Dad, is it right to preach religion to a person who is seriously ill?" His quiet and simple answer was, "Isn't it right to throw a life preserver to a drowning man?" I have thought about this a lot, — if we really believe that Christianity is "good news," why should we be so hesitant to talk to others about religion, especially at the most important times in their lives? When we were on furlough, I was interested to experience how persistent and convincing Americans can be when they are trying to bring you around to their point of view on politics, sports, etc. However, when it comes to religion, this was something to be discussed only at certain times in certain places and you weren't supposed to go beyond a certain point in putting forth your views.

Here in Africa there is traditionally a much more open view toward religious discussion taking place almost anywhere at any time. Many of the patients in our hospital come from backgrounds where the nyanga (witchdoctor) plays a very important part. He is the priest of their religion, as well as the healer of their infirmities; therefore, they are not surprised that I, a doctor, am interested in their spiritual well-being, as well as healing their bodies. In our hospital, we have two evangelists: Mr. John Dube, who was trained in a local Bible School, and Mrs. Alice Katewera who is untrained and part-time. Besides personal counseling, they hold services on the wards and outdoors, and people attend these services if they so desire. We have some patients, of course, who are bed-ridden but their usual reaction is thankfulness, rather than animosity. The great majority attend services because they want to, and our evangelists work in the spirit of helping and assisting people rather than trying to force them to accept something they don't want.

Friends also inquire about my religious responsibilities as a medical missionary in a hospital such as ours — are there certain duties and obligations that I am required to carry out? My answer is "No, there are no special duties or obligations. In the hospital and mission my responsibilities are voluntary, the same as they are for any interested churchman in America." I am a member of the hospital evangelism committee which was organized, and is chaired by Mr. Dube. I take my turn once a week preaching in the hospital and conduct services at the Mt. Silinda Church and in outlying preaching points as I feel I can. I have been elected treasurer of the Mt. Silinda Church and do my best to attend Church meetings and take part in discussions and decisions as a member of the congregation.

From: **Dr. Kirk Stetson,** Africa

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REPORT OF RECEIPTS FOR APPORTIONMENT

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

PAID 1-1-65 TO 11-30-65

N. CAROLINA & VIRGINIA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Bethlehem	1,937	1,937.00	00	23
Asheville	2,261	1,140.00	1,121.00	00
Belew Cr.	674	487.00	187.00	00
Monticello	946	946.00	00	97
Bethel	991	215.00	776.00	49
Bev. Hills	2,479	2,266.00	213.00	25
Carolina	884	884.00	00	17
Edgewood	627	350.00	277.00	00
Burl., 1st	6,234	5,497.56	774.04	339
Hopedale	649	488.00	161.00	00
Lakeview	473	473.00	00	00
Long's Ch.	1,200	1,100.00	100.00	37
Union Ridge	2,982	1,500.00	1,482.00	74
Zion	294	10.00	284.00	00
Durham	3,135	2,525.00	610.00	337
Berea	473	210.00	263.00	00
Elon Col. Co.	3,114	1,114.00	2,000.00	130
Concord	688	90.00	598.00	20
Shal. Ford	1,479	675.00	804.00	25
Apple's Ch.	2,796	2,563.00	233.00	00
Gibsonville	621	187.50	434.50	00
Gra. Prov.	1,123	350.00	773.00	17
Greensboro:				
Calvary	423	45.35	377.65	00
Cong.	6,655	5,545.88	1,109.12	1,551
Palm St.	2,315	2,315.00	00	56
St. Peter's	683	242.41	440.59	00
Pleas. Ridge	490	500.00	00	174
Haw River	1,341	991.00	350.00	00
Hendersonv.	1,805	00	1,805.00	70
Kallam Gr.	377	347.00	30.00	00
Hines Ch.	1,565	1,434.59	130.41	97
Mebane	125	125.00	00	00
Mt. Zion	1,386	1,386.00	00	6
Pfafftown	759	250.00	509.00	00
Reidsville	4,290	290.00	4,000.00	2,620
Howard's Ch.	249	00	249.00	00
N. Lebanon	1,000	394.60	609.40	79
Hap. Home	1,263	00	1,263.00	33
Lebanon	526	102.00	424.00	00
Mt. Bethel	400	400.00	00	00
Tryon	3,715	3,531.00	184.00	1,130
Salem Ch.	666	507.00	159.00	00
W.-Salem	1,248	1,248.00	00	6
Rocky Ford	264	00	264.00	00
Danv., Va.	3,789	00	3,789.00	55
Pleasant Gr.	1,030	400.00	630.00	00
Lynchburg	605	00	605.00	00
Liberty, Va.	1,061	00	1,061.00	17
Hebron	272	272.00	00	00
So. Boston	1,162	300.00	862.00	00
Ingram	859	674.00	185.00	00
Union, Va.	2,347	2,394.00	00	41
Totals	78,730	48,692.89	30,126.71	7,125

WESTERN N. CAROLINA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Albemarle	2,127	1,949.53	177.47	00
Asheboro	1.915	1,915.00	00	00
Bailey's Gr.	132	70.00	62.00	00
Pleasant Cr.	508	508.00	00	20
Pleasant Un.	398	350.00	48.00	00
Spoon's Ch.	355	355.00	00	22
Union Gr.	640	640.00	00	12
Bennett	49	00	49.00	00
Pleasant Gr.	1,330	300.00	1,030.00	00
Biscoe	210	00	210.00	00
Flint Hill (M)	345	58.00	287.00	00
Big Oak	507	17.01	489.99	00
Ether	474	300.00	176.00	00
High Point	669	525.00	144.00	00
Liberty	794	662.00	132.00	10
Pleas. Hill	2,057	2,057.00	00	166
Smithwood	964	595.50	368.50	00
Antioch (C)	534	133.50	400.50	00
Hank's Ch.	1,536	864.00	676.00	137
Ramseur CC.	1,124	800.00	324.00	00
Ramseur UCC	—	50.00	—	8
Pleas. Ridge	1,664	1,664.00	00	00
Shiloh	247	00	247.00	00
Randleman	1,150	1,038.00	112.00	25
Brown's Ch.	644	325.00	319.00	00
Prov. Ch.	163	00	163.00	00
Grace's Ch.	687	147.02	570.50	00
Northview	456	150.00	306.00	00
Zion	725	00	725.00	00
Seagrove	551	551.00	00	9
Antioch (R)	483	00	483.00	00
Needhm's Gr.	648	648.00	00	00
New Center	274	00	274.00	00
Siler City	210	25.00	185.00	00
Sophia	600	453.45	146.55	30
Flint Hill (R)	294	50.00	244.00	00
Shady Gr.	287	00	287.00	00
Mt. Pleasant	552	352.00	200.00	47
Totals	26,303	17,573.01	8,836.51	486

EASTERN N. CAROLINA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Specials
Pleasant Hill	270	00	270.00	00
Ebenezer	709	00	709.00	00
Damascus	483	483.00	00	15
Martha's Ch.	203	00	203.00	00
Bethel	177	30.00	147.00	00
Ch. Hill, U.	1,445	700.00	745.00	71
Clayton	537	537.00	00	00
Amelia	1,060	795.00	265.00	34
Fayetteville	1,037	349.00	688.00	00
Mt. Carmel	318	00	318.00	00
Pope's Chp.	438	327.00	111.00	00
Chris. Light	605	00	605.00	00
Garner, Trin.	658	00	658.00	17
Hayes Ch.	680	400.00	524.00	00
Mt. Hermon	408	00	408.00	00
Henderson	2,303	1,182.00	1,121.00	00
Fuller Ch.	894	894.00	00	108
Lib. Vance	2,126	2,126.00	00	400
Hope Mills	238	213.62	24.38	00
Bethlehem	390	300.00	90.00	00
Mt. Gilead	438	438.00	00	65
New Hope	722	00	722.00	6
Mt. Auburn	727	742.00	00	00
Chris. Chapel	211	00	211.00	00
Morrisville	196	196.00	00	44
New Elam	918	00	918.00	00
Niagara	94	50.00	44.00	00
Auburn	709	730.00	303.00	11
Piney Plain	949	134.00	815.00	00
Plymouth	546	150.00	396.00	00
Raleigh, U.	2,183	1,462.00	742.00	00
Raleigh, W.	558	83.20	474.80	00
Sanford, 1st	2,211	1,842.50	368.50	4
Lee's Chapel	427	325.00	102.00	00
Moore Union	362	00	362.00	00
Shallow Well	2,143	500.00	1,643.00	50
Turner's Ch.	530	57.00	473.00	00
So. Pines	3,002	2,250.00	752.00	00
Wake Ch.	2,566	2,000.00	583.00	44
Beulah	997	00	997.00	00
Youngsville	288	150.00	138.00	20
Good Hope	333	167.06	165.94	00
Oak Level	525	451.00	74.00	00
Antioch	367	150.00	217.00	00
Totals	36,981	20,214.38	17,387.62	889

EASTERN VIRGINIA

Churches	1965 App't.	Receipts On App't.	Bal. Due App't.	Receipts On Special
Bayside	2,057	400.00	1,657.00	00
Rosemont	4,764	5,500.00	00	493
Oakland	2,763	2,763.00	00	230
Dendron	180	256.25	7.85	30
Union, Sur.	112	112.00	00	00
Beth., Disp.	386	195.00	191.00	00
Centerv.	231	231.00	00	00
Berea, Nas.	1,457	600.00	857.00	61
Mt. Zion	520	368.00	152.00	20
New Lebanon	64	00	64.00	00
Franklin	3,158	1,873.75	1,284.25	374
Hunterdale	2,198	1,210.00	988.00	36
Hamp., 1st	4,023	1,200.00	2,823.00	00
Holland	1,740	1,740.00	00	25
Holy Neck	1,844	812.50	1,031.50	00
Hopewell	723	250.00	473.00	39
Isle of Wight	409	409.00	00	00
Lynnhaven	1,490	51.00	1,439.00	106
Warwick	1,606	1,350.00	256.00	81
Norfolk:				
Bayview	1,797	500.00	1,297.00	65
Central	757	75.00	682.00	40
Chr. Tmp.	6,410	5,341.69	1,068.31	187
Gt. Bridge	3,025	2,630.00	395.00	33
Little Crk.	471	225.00	246.00	49
Portsmouth:				
First	1,402	701.00	701.00	25
Shel. Mem.	1,315	810.00	505.00	00
United	1,291	71.00	1,220.00	00
Prince Geo.	442	342.00	100.00	77
Richm., 1st	1,623	992.00	631.00	00
S. Norfolk	4,476	3,730.00	746.00	12
Beth., Nans.	4,371	3,783.81	717.59	150
Suf., Chris.	7,991	4,875.00	3,116.00	00
Cypress Ch.	2,104	00	2,104.00	63
Lib. Sprg.	2,317	1,797.00	520.00	70
Va. Beach:				
First	968	100.00	868.00	139
Pem. Man.	300	00	300.00	00
Wakefield	599	599.00	00	24
Barrett's	93	00	93.00	00
Burton's Gr.	206	156.78	49.22	00
Mt. Carmel	828	437.00	391.00	00
Waverly	1,498	698.00	800.00	55
Spring Hill	220	67.74	152.26	5
Windsor	1,678	1,533.79	173.00	54
Antioch	575	578.00	00	00
Eure	1,417	420.24	996.76	00
Damascus	1,002	00	1,002.00	10
Oak Grove	244	108.00	136.00	00
Totals	79,145	49,893.55	30,233.74	2,553

At Morehead Planetarium

The Star Of Bethlehem

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

This is the scriptural passage that has given rise to one of our loveliest Christmas customs and observances — the tradition of the Star of Bethlehem. And in these passages the astronomer finds his stake in Christmas, because of the question, "What was the Star of Bethlehem?"

A summary of what astronomers know, and what can be surmised from the facts are presented at the Morehead Planetarium each year, starting a month before Christmas day.

"The Star of Bethlehem," based on the King James version of the Bible accounts of the first Christmas, brings the knowledge of religion, science, philosophy, and history to bear on the question of "The Star."

Was the star that heralded Jesus' birth a meteor; a comet; or a nova, a star that develops to unequalled brightness; or was it perhaps the planets Saturn, Jupiter, or Mars behaving strangely, but predictably, in a certain part of the heavens? Or was it a brilliant light placed in the sky by God to herald the coming of the Light of the World?

Human knowledge cannot hope to answer these questions, but it can suggest some of the possibilities. In "The Star of Bethlehem," the Morehead Planetarium uses its accurate reproductions of the changing heavens to present all these possibilities.

Besides showing what the stars looked like in the time when Christ was born, the Planetarium program includes a panoramic view of the village and fields of modern Bethlehem. In the panorama, assembled by the Planetarium's technical staff from actual photographs, viewers can see the site of the stable in which tradition has it, the Saviour was born. They can see the fields where the shepherds were when as the Bible records it, "The Angel of the Lord came unto them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them."

Later in the presentation, an intricate pageant depicts the events surrounding the birth of Jesus as they are reported by the Gospels. The angel Gabriel announces the birth of the Messiah to Mary. The shepherds are astounded as a multitude of angels fills the sky. The Magi from the East are questioned by King Herod as the Star moves on, to rest over the stable where the infant Saviour lies.

As the program ends, the Planetarium Chamber is slowly changed into a simulated cathedral, resplendent with arches and stained glass windows. A choir of monks chant ancient hymns of praise for the child who was born in the twilight of history, whose birth was marked by a star.

The special program for the Nativity Season is presented to the public 14 times weekly. There are programs at 8:30 p.m. every night and matinees at 11 a.m., 1, 3 and 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Sunday matinees are at 2, 3, and 4 for the general public and church groups. School groups may attend any week day at 11, 1 or 4 by advance reservations.

"The Star of Bethlehem" will be shown at the Planetarium in Chapel Hill every day through January 10, 1966; with the exception of Christmas eve and Christmas day, when the entire building will be closed.

Farewell To East Burlap

The Sunbeam Poll, found in this issue, marks the last of the East Burlap episodes. The editor is grateful for the many responses received as a result of this back page visit to our East Burlap Church. These responses have been of all sorts. There was the elderly gentleman who wrote, "I've been in the Southern Convention most of my life; where in tarnation is East Burlap?" And the minister who wanted his name put on their pastoral committee list the next time their pulpit was vacant. And the printer who wanted to know who the nut was who wrote the back page. And the many notes and letters indicating that some, at least, had had a chuckle at the shortcomings of our friends at East Burlap.

These glimpses into the misdirected mission at East Burlap are offered with the firm conviction that God, anthropomorphically speaking, must on occasion smile at our efforts and then go on helping us grow in spite of ourselves. Who knows, He may even give a resounding chuckle at times.

Richard N. Rinker

NOTES FROM THE DESK

The Sunbeam Poll

Our church at East Burlap, as many have noted, is unique in many respects. One further uniqueness needs recording because of the singular impact made on the fellowship by its existence. Throughout Christendom, our East Burlap Church is undoubtedly the only church which has conducted a sunbeam-inspired poll of its members on an extremely crucial concern.

The faithful at East Burlap are quite intolerant of distractions in their worship services. Each autumn, as the sun finds its autumn path across the sky, a sunbeam streams through an upper window in the sanctuary and shines glisteningly on the altar cross. This condition persisted for more than half of the morning service.

This becomes distracting in two respects. First its glare reflecting from the cross makes it impossible to see anything much of the chancel stained glass behind the altar (a seventeen-panel Austrian window depicting the building of the East Burlap Church and listing its seventeen charter members).

Second, the distraction comes at such a time as to be annoying during the morning sermon. It became virtually impossible to concentrate on the pastor's polished exhortations while the light from the cross hit the worshiper square in the face.

After suggestions to cover the window, move the cross, and numerous other solutions, it occurred to someone that perhaps the altar and cross weren't needed. Since the altar had been hand-carved by a former member (with the Ten Commandments in Greek and the Beatitudes in Hebrew), and the cross had been donated by a now inactive family, it didn't seem quite proper just to remove them. Coming through with their usual wisdom, the Board of Trustees decided to conduct a poll to learn what the membership considered the most important thing about the worship service. The blank on which the response was to be made had no place for the repliers' names, so no one would ever know which response belonged to whom.

The results of the poll were tabulated and posted: 38 considered the sermon most important; 22 the collection; 21 the pew cushions; 17 a punctual ending; 14 the chancel window; 12 the soundproof sanctuary; and 10 the Bible reading.

The Board of Trustees, noting not a word in the replies about either the cross or the altar, acted to remove them both. On the first Sunday following their removal, something became apparent. Coming through the rather dirty upper window (with one or two cracks in it), the sunbeam hardly showed up against the bare wall where the altar and cross had been. It was only because the light had had the cross to reflect on that it had been so noticeable.

One response to this successful and helpful poll remains a puzzle to the Board. Someone noted that the most important thing about the worship service was the fact that it was necessary to conduct a poll to find out what the most important thing was.

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At the beginning God expressed Himself. That Personal Expression was with God and was God, and He existed with God from the beginning. All creation took place through Him, and none took place without Him. In Him appeared Life and this Life was the Light of mankind. The Light still shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

John

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God, when the day shall dawn upon us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

—Luke 1:76-79

Bethlehem

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. . . . And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

—Micah 5:2 & 4

Mary

And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end. . . . The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born of you will be called holy, the Son of God.

—Luke 1:31-33, 35

ON THE COVER

John 1:1-5

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Christmas, 1965

MINISTERS — CHURCHES — FRIENDS

Dear Fellow Christians:

The elected staff and office personnel of the Southern Convention take this opportunity to send Christmas Greetings to our friends over the years! May Christmas Day bring happy hours with friends and loved ones near, and may this happiness remain to bless you throughout the year!

This has been an historic year in the life of the Southern Convention! We have joined with the Southern Synod and the Convention of the South to form the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc. We look forward with keen anticipation to greater opportunities for service and witness during 1966. The Christ of the first Christmas calls on each of us to join him in, "His passion and victory." There are many places and areas of life where Christ is not known and loved. The agenda is not finished until "all knees shall bow and confess that Christ is Lord of all."

We are most grateful for your cooperation and support during this time of transition. You have exhibited a truly Christian spirit. We have sought to find the way of Christ together. You have made our mutual task much easier. In the words of Tiny Tim, "We thank you one and all." You will be interested to know that the elected staff and office personnel of the Southern Convention will be a part of the Southern Conference during 1966. We would covet your continued prayers and splendid spirit of cooperation for the staff and officers of the Southern Conference. Each of us needs the prayers and love one of another. This is our wish for you and us at this Holy Christmas time.

May the blessings of the Christ Child enter your life at Christmas and remain throughout the coming year!

Sincerely yours,

Miss Edna Fitch · *Miss Ruth Dunn* · *Rev. L. Bill Simmons*
Mrs. W. J. Andes · *Rev. Guy H. Veazey* · *Rev. Richard N. Rinker*
Dr. Clyde L. Fields

Cantique De Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winters night that was so deep.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon the knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Greetings From The Conference Minister

Several years have passed since I last set myself to the task of preparing an article or statement for publication in THE CHRISTIAN SUN. The full impact of the significance of the events that have taken place in our church life during these years has broken upon me in a personal sense as I have both reflected upon the past and looked to the future.

These words are written during the Season of Advent. Advent marks the beginning of the church year. It is a period of penitence and preparation and, yes, of expectancy and anticipation. It is the period when the church looks to Christmas and prepares to receive the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the present circumstances the words "preparation" and "expectancy" apply also to the fact that the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, already in existence, will take on fuller character as of January 1. Together, the churches of the Convention of the South, the Southern Synod and the Southern Convention, will venture forth on a new life. The goodly heritages of the past will afford support as we encounter the new occasions that will teach new duties and open wide new horizons for accomplishment. Truly we are embarking upon a new experiment and adventure.

It means much to me to be invited to be a part of and share in this exciting undertaking. The prospect fills me with a sense of expectancy, of hopefulness and of joy. I count it a privilege to be your Conference Minister and I look forward to serving with and for you with great anticipation.

Carolyn and our three children, Jimmy, Andy and Leslie Hope, join with me in extending greetings to you in anticipation of our coming to live and work in your midst. We wish for each of you a Joyful Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

Additional Churches With Fully-Paid 1965 Apportionments

In addition to the 35 churches listed in the last issue of **The Sun** who have paid their whole 1965 apportionment goals in full, the following should be added:

EVA: Bethlehem (N); Cypress Chapel; Eure; Liberty Spring; Warwick

ENC: Bethlehem; Amelia

WNC: Albemarle; Bailey's Grove; Randleman

Special note should be made of the **Congregational United Church of Christ in Greensboro,** whose fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30 rather than on a calendar year as followed by the Southern Convention office bookkeeping system. The Greensboro Church, on the basis of its year, has also paid its apportionment in full for 1965.

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Wayne A. Gardner Called To Pleasant Hill

The Reverend Wayne A. Gardner, a native of Norfolk, Virginia, has accepted a call to serve as pastor and teacher for the Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ, Route 2, Liberty, North Carolina. He will begin his ministry there on January 1.

Mr. Gardner attended Chuckatuck High School, received an A.B. degree from Elon College, and a B.D. degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He was ordained in June, 1964 by the Eastern Virginia Conference of the Southern Convention.

Included in his ministry have been pastorates in Pennsylvania and at Bethel and Concord United Churches of Christ in North Carolina. He has served as a member of the Town and Country Committee, Social Action, Chairman of the Worship Committee, and Representative to the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Mrs. Gardner (Judith) is also a native of Virginia. They will be moving into the parsonage during the latter part of December.

Season's Greetings Season's Greetings Seasons Greetings

Will You?

By A. Johnnie Massey

With the Thanksgiving days over and with only two weeks remaining until Christmas, thousands of people in the country are beginning the holiday rush in preparation for Christmas day. The last minute shopping must be done and the cards must be mailed to our friends and relatives across the country. But these are only a couple of the many typical happenings that are the result of Christmas.

We must not forget the annual Christmas parade. We line the streets of our town to see a spectacle of floats, bands, old cars, balloons, beauty queens, coon dogs, horses, and of course Santa Claus. We must not overlook the lines of colored lights lining the streets and corners of downtown, or the gay windows of the stores and the decorations inside. Lost amid the noise of the shoving, pushing crowds, and the noise of the passing cars and trucks, we can faintly hear the sound of the Christmas music consisting of songs from rock 'n roll to carols. These are some of the events which give us the "atmosphere" of Christmas.

Christmas day has finally arrived, the shopping for presents completed the day before, and Santa has brought presents to the more fortunate children of the nation. In many states there is snow on the ground and we can see the children and adults enjoying their new sleds. In other areas we see new bicycles, skateboards, electric trains, slot racers, dolls, and toy guns.

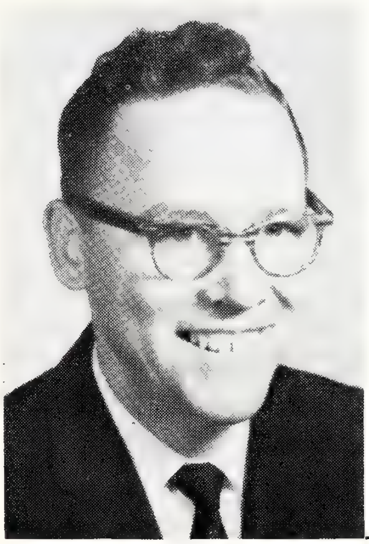
The Christmas dinner is spread, probably one of several for the week, and our family or families gather together for a meal of turkey, ham, potatoes, biscuits, cranberry sauce, pie and cake. The day passes slowly by and the next days find many of us resting and possibly preparing for the New Year's Eve Party.

Certainly this has been a good Christmas holiday in which we have included everything; well, almost everything. We haven't mentioned the tree, the yule log, the mistletoe, the carolling, the good fellowship or any number of other things. These are the important events in Christmas which we celebrate, but we tend to overlook or forget the main reason for Christmas, that being **Christ.** Have we forgotten Christ in our plans for Christmas as so many people have done?

Have we lost Christ among the shining tinsel, the crowded aisles of the stores, the beer cans and liquor bottles, the parties and the gifts that we give because we know that the other person is going to give us a gift? Has Christ been smothered from our lives by commercialism as the carols were lost in the noise of the traffic?

Many of us have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas and are satisfied only with the material possessions we may gain. It is our duty as Christians, those who place Christ first in their lives, and this includes Christmas, to come to the aid of those who have forgotten Christ not only at Christmas but at any other time. We must remember that Christmas Day is a day of honor and celebration of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into the world. This blessed event which occurred nearly two thousand years ago was the revelation of God's love for us. God loved the world so much that He sent His son into the world to die on the cross for our sins. A Christian places Christ first in Christmas. **Will you?**

The Southern Conference Staff



Introducing L. Bill Simmons

The Reverend L. Bill Simmons is a native of Albemarle, North Carolina. He is a veteran of World War II and, following his service in the Navy, he completed his studies at Elon College (A.B. 1954) and Duke Divinity School (B. D. 1957).

Mr. Simmons has served as pastor for Pleasant Grove, Graces Chapel, Lees Chapel, Hank's Chapel, Turner's Chapel and Great Bridge United Church of Christ. From the last named he was called in April 1963 to serve the Southern Convention as Virginia Field Secretary.

Mrs. Simmons is the former Ramelle Troutman; the Simmons' have three children: Joe (16), Sara Ann (11), and Jackie (9).

During his ministry, Mr. Simmons has served in many capactities on conference committees and in leadership responsibilities. He will be serving the Southern Conference as Southern Virginia Area Minister with his office at Chesapeake, Virginia.

ELON COLLEGE NEWS

APPRECIATION

On behalf of Elon College and all who are interested in the future of this institution, I want to express sincere appreciation for the invaluable support given to the College by the churches.

As a result of the action taken September 30, 1965, all of us are now in the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. The aims and objectives of the College continue to be the same. As our opportunities for service increase, we continue to need your support. A world plagued by secularization desperately needs the ministry of the Christian College. Elon College is such an institution and it merits your interest and support.

Sincerely yours,
J. Earl Danieley, President

Elon College Apportionment Receipts

From July 1 through November 30, 1965, Elon College has received from the churches a total of $10,639.31 on Apportionment as shown below — by Conference:

Eastern Virginia Conference	$3,692.24
Eastern N. C. Conference	2,150.00
Western N. C. Conference	1,004.05
N. C. & Va. Conference	3,793.02
	$10,639.31
Received January 1 - June 30, 1965	10,571.48
Total Received January 1 - November 30, 1965	$21,210.79

*Please note these receipts are for only 11 months. We hope many churches will send contributions during December so that by the end of 1965 the College may receive the Apportionment in full.

Apportionment Giving 7-1-65 to 11-30-65

EASTERN VIRGINIA

Antioch	$ 40.00
Berea	132.00
Bethlehem (Disp.)	15.00
Bethlehem (Nans.)	282.00
Burton's Grove	16.00
Centerville	8.00
Dendron	7.85
Franklin	225.00
Franklin-Hunterdale	160.00
Great Bridge	195.00
Hampton First	181.00
Holland	131.00
Holy Neck	61.00
Hopewell	27.00
Isle of Wight	30.00
Liberty Spring	92.00
Mt. Zion	34.00
Norfolk, Christian Temple	402.85
Norfolk, Little Creek	19.00
Oak Grove	37.00
Oakland	209.00
Portsmouth First	72.00
Portsmouth, Shelton Mem.	53.00
Prince George	37.00
Richmond, First	113.00
So. Norfolk	226.00
So. Norfolk, Rosemont	33.00
Suffolk	536.00
Wakefield	90.00
Warwick	91.00
Waverly	105.00
Windsor	31.54
	$3,692.24

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Albemarle	122.05
Asheboro	136.00
Bailey's Grove	10.00
Flint Hill	10.00
Grace's Chapel	2.00
High Point, First	45.00
Liberty	110.00
Mt. Pleasant	21.00
Needham's Grove	61.00
Pleasant Cross	36.00
Pleasant Hill	50.00
Pleasant Ridge	115.00
Pleasant Union	27.00
Randleman	78.00
Seagrove	34.00
Smithwood	55.00
Sophia	35.00
Union Grove	54.00
Siler City	3.00
	$1,004.05

NORTH CAROLINA & VIRGINIA

Apple's Chapel	250.00
Asheville	68.00
Belew Creek	52.00
Berea	39.00
Bethel	6.00
Bethlehem	148.00
Burlington, Bev. Hills	192.00
Burlington, Edgewood	53.00
Burlington, First	309.57
Burlington, Lakeview	47.00
Carolina	70.00
Concord	14.00
Durham	219.00
Elon College	168.00
Graham, Prov. Mem.	23.00
Greensboro, First	426.25
Greensboro, Palm St.	179.00
Greensboro, St. Peters	15.00
Haw River	54.00
Hebron	32.00
Hine's Chapel	100.00
Hopedale	25.00
Ingram	32.00
Kellam Grove	29.00
Lebanon	16.00
Long's Chapel	78.00
Mebane	19.00
Monticello	72.50
Mt. Bethel	31.00
Mt. Zion	121.00
New Lebanon	60.70
Pfafftown	38.00
Pleasant Grove	61.00
Reidsville	44.00
Salem Chapel	39.00
Shallow Ford	75.00
South Boston	46.00
Tryon	246.00
Union (N. C.)	20.00
Union (Va.)	179.00
Winston Salem	96.00
	$3,793.02

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Amelia	40.00
Antioch	8.00
Bethlehem	45.00
Christian Chapel	45.00
Clayton	81.00
Damascus	42.00
Fuller Chapel	44.00
Good Hope	19.00
Henderson	346.00
Hope Mills	14.00
Lee's Chapel	49.00
Liberty (Vance)	320.00
Morrisville	14.00
Mt. Auburn	104.00
Mt. Gilead	36.00
Niagra	7.00
Oak Level	34.00
Pope's Chapel	33.00
Raleigh	331.00
Sanford	111.00
Shallow Well	37.00
Southern Pines	225.00
Wake Chapel	150.00
Wentworth	8.00
Youngsville	7.00
	$2,150.00

HANDS

By Mrs. W. W. Sloan

Hands that laid a baby in a manger one far night;
Hands that hold the hearts of men upward toward a star;
Whose hands are they — your hands? my hands?
That lift the weight of living in many outstretched lands.

Hands that lead our children toward their rendezvous with life;
Hands that lull the throb of pain, and help God heal the mind;
That feed and clothe and keep us clean, workers of every kind;
We pass them by ungraciously, because our hearts are blind.

Portrait Of An Old Folk's Home

"No, sir," said the elderly, white-haired man happily. "This is no typical old folks' home. In fact, it's about as ideal as it could be for me."

And he was right.

True, the room in which he was having dinner was in a hotel for retired persons. But the room was a real restaurant, and at nearby tables sat not only other elderly men and women but also some very lively young people. Nor did the hotel stand on a lonely spot outside the city limits, isolating its occupants and making them feel forgotten and forlorn. Instead, this hotel — like forty-eight others which the Division of Health and Welfare Services of the Board for Homeland Ministries has helped as a part of **Our Christian World Mission** — stands right in the heart of a mid-western city; and on the ground floor, as in any regular hotel, there are shops frequented not only by the elderly residents but also by many a younger citizen.

That the intelligent planning of the hotel has proved well worth the trouble is proved in many practical ways, not the least of which is the pleasure in the faces of its residents who, despite their age can thus still remain an active part — sometimes a very active part — of the city in which they live.

Medical Missions In Turkey

"You really should look into the faces of the village folk . . . ."

We hope this letter will give you as realistic a glimpse, as possible, of the sort of work which many of you have commissioned us to do here. This is not easy, since to get the flavor of it, you really should look into the faces of the village folk as they bear the huge weight of agony and hopelessness. How can one put that into letters? There's a lad of eight, whose family watched him burn up before their eyes with a vicious bone infection for three months before bringing him to us, a virtual skeleton. The whole thigh bone was rotted away, so while rolling over in bed, he broke it. He's in plaster up to his chest now, doing fine and eating like a horse. He faces a long stay, and the question is, how is his shepherd family going to pay $2 a day?

While living, breathing people are the essence of the work, our minds are busy these days with the general problems of how to continue high-standard medical work with the extra quality of Christian concern which gives it meaning. As many of you know, we are due for home leave next June for a year; and staffing of the hospital for that time is a prime concern. We have many loyal, local friends who can help on a part-time or consultation basis, but cannot give full-time service. We hope some Christian doctor or nurse will feel the challenge — there's so much good they can do. We can't offer a "good deal" though, so nobody should volunteer in order to escape from anything. Whatever your problems are, brother, we got 'em worse.

The hospital is not our only work in Turkey; we operate an outpatient clinic at Talas, in central Anatolia. Dr. Winkler left in June, and a Turkish colleague has been hired to run the clinic till February. Then it's either closure or — what?

With a view to needs like this, the hospital is playing host this summer to Mr. Paul James, a medical student from Wisconsin, who is experiencing mission medicine firsthand for two months. After him, two other students are coming from England, to help and observe for a month.

From: **Dr. Richard Updegraff,** Turkey

WORD FROM OUR MISSION

On The Assembly Line

One day not so many years ago, Dr. Horst Symanowski, who is director of the tradition-breaking Mainz-Kastel Gossner Mission to factory workers in the vast industrial regions of West Germany, received something of a jolt. A forthright factory worker in his congregation told him that his sermon had seemed completely irrelevant and even nonsensical to a listener like himself who worked as an assembly-line worker in an automobile plant.

The criticism had its full impact on Dr. Symanowski, and since that day he has made it a point to meet with workers in his congregation, planning with their help meaningful sermons which relate Christian ethics and goals to their jobs and their lives.

"Mentally dehydrated is what many of them become," explained Dr. Symanowski. "You would be, too, if you spent every day on an assembly line."

The new method of writing sermons has proved highly productive. From Dr. Symanowski's Gossner Mission now comes a forthright type of worker-minister who, as a result of realistic experience, knows exactly what it means to punch a time clock and to endure a full day's unimaginative monotony. And today in the factories of Western Germany, Dr. Symanowski's students are not only conducting meaningful worship services but also lively seminar after seminar in which, through mutual give and take, the workers learn history and sociology and economics in order to help them interpret their workaday lives in terms of Christian goals.

There are, of course, those who criticize the Symanowski technique. Such worldly involvement, say these critics, exposes the church to the risk of failure. But to such critics the doctor, whose program one goal of "Target Ahead" hopes to expand, replies: "Only if the church risks itself in true service can we really become a church."

Paperback New Testaments

If what is happening in California and Arizona hotels is any indication, the paperback Illustrated New Testament with contemporary photographs published by the American Bible Society is becoming a best seller with America's traveling public.

First placed in rooms of San Francisco's Del Webb Towne House, the volumes so interested guests that within a month 217 Testaments were sold at the hotel gift shop. Mrs. Donna Hofsas, owner of Hofsas House, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, asked the Bible Society for copies for her hotel and gift shop. There the story was the same — a best seller.

M. J. Frankpton, vice-president and general manager of the Del E. Webb Hotel Management Company, Phoenix, Ariz., has approved placement of the Illustrated New Testament in each of the more than 500 rooms involved in the two Del Webb installations in Phoenix, The Towne House and The Mountain Shadows. The Illustrated New Testament will also be sold in the lobby gift shops of these hotels.

The new one dollar price for this volume makes it even more attractive. The hard-cover edition is available at $2.50. Orders may be placed through the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Christmas At The Home

December 6, 1965

Dear Friends:

The Christmas Season here at The Elon Home for Children is a special time. We are very appreciative of all the interest and concern shown for us through the year. At this particular time, however, we are so grateful for the special interest that is shown to our Home.

Activities for Christmas begin early here because our boys and girls leave for their Christmas vacation when school is out. This year that is on December 21.

Our first activity this year was on Saturday night, December 4th when we were the guests of Mr. Andrew C. Sherea of Chapel Hill for a presentation at the Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh. His son John and wife Cherry were our host and hostess for a delightful evening, not only for the presentation at the Coliseum, but at Balentine's Cafeteria in Durham for the evening meal. This was a most delightful evening for the boys and girls who had the opportunity to be a part of this group.

On Sunday, December 5th, we were happy to welcome the Mary Sue Brittle Sunday School Class of the Bethlehem Church in Suffolk for their annual Christmas Party. Mr. J. T. Cross is the President of the Class. He along with several other members came bringing gifts for each of the children as well as a good supply of peanuts.

Other activities during this month will include a Christmas Party by the Ministerial Association of Elon College on December 8th. This group of young people share with us from week to week in the mid-week services throughout the year.

An event that the children always look forward to each year is the Jaycee Shopping Tour which will take place on December 11th. Each boy and girl is given a gift of money and has the opportunity to shop for gifts to be given to others. Then the Jaycees have all the boys and girls for lunch at the Burlington Recreational Building.

On December 14th the high school students will be entertained by the Pan-Hellenic Council from Elon College. These students are planning to prepare the evening meal for the boys and girls and then have them as their guests for a basketball game at the College.

On December 18th each family unit will have their own Christmas party. At this time gifts sent in from various interested individuals and groups will be distributed to the children. This will follow the annual Christmas Dinner in each of the cottages.

One of the highlights of the year will be the visit of the Woodmen of the World. This year this will take place on December 19 at 3:00 in the afternoon. This is always an enjoyable get-together.

On that same day, the boys and girls will be the guests of Mr. Darrell Moser and a group of businessmen in Burlington and Graham for a Christmas dinner at Huey's Steak House in Burlington.

You can see from the list of activities we have mentioned that many things will be going on on our campus during this Christmas season. For this interest and concern on the part of the people we are certainly grateful. Our boys and girls will have a most enjoyable time during this season. We have our many friends to thank for this fact. We hope that the Holiday Season will bring as much joy and happiness to you as many of you have sought to bring to our Home for Children, not only at this season but throughout the year.

Sincerely yours,
Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 22, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools	
Eastern Virginia Conference	$ 120.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	11.00
Western North Carolina Conference	58.75
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	122.83
Total	$ 312.58
Special Offerings	
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Radford, Burlington, N. C.	9.00
Bethel Church, New Hill, Virginia	10.00
Asheboro Congregational Church, Truitt Bible Class, Asheboro, N. C.	10.00
Clayton Christian Church, Clayton, N. C. Adult Bible Class	5.00
Women's Fellowship, Third Congregational Church, Eat St. Johnsbury, Vermont	10.00
First Congregational Church, Christian Fellowship, Crafts Group, Hendersonville	100.00
Angie Crew Circle, Union Ridge Church, Burlington, N. C.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert L. Beane, Asheboro	25.00
United Women's Fellowship, Nisland, South Dakota	4.00
Barrett's Church, Ladies Aid Society, Wakefield, Virginia	10.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mrs. James A. Holt, Sr. (15 Memorials)	
In Memory of Miss Marsha Lankford (2 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mr. James Dewitt Lewis	
In Memory of Mr. E. C. Curtis	
In Memory of Mrs. Alice Cobb	
In Memory of Mr. F. J. Flagler	
In Memory of Mr. Griffin McClure (3 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mr. C. A. Lea	
In Memory of Miss Jean Harris	
Total Memorial Gifts	222.50
Special Offerings	736.04
Thanksgiving Gifts:	
Mrs. Dorothy Keser, Pinehurst, N. C.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert A. Carmen, Burlington	5.00
Mr. I. B. Grainger, Jr., Burlington, N. C. (Rotary)	20.00
Mr. E. Z. Jones, Burlington, N. C. (Rotary)	10.00
Mr. J. Harold Smith, Burlington, N. C. (Rotary)	150.00
Mr. Bob Atwater, Burlington, N. C. (Rotary)	50.00
Mr. Clarence M. Fields, Sr., San Leandro, Calif.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gran P. Childress, Asheville	10.00
Friendly Service, Hampshire Colony Congregational Church, Princeton, Ill.	25.00
Eure Congregational Church, Eure, N. C., Ladies Aid Fellowship	10.00
Women's Fellowship, Popes Chapel, Youngsville, N. C.	10.00
Mrs. George Brannon, Sanford, N. C.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. Marvin Whitley, Suffolk, Va.	10.00
Happy Sharer's Club, Greensboro, N. C.	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Lanan, Kinston, Ill.	5.00
Miss Ethel Friddle, Greensboro, N. C.	25.00
Second Congregational Church, Attleboro, Mass.	100.00
Paradise Hills Community Church, Women's Fellowship, San Diego, Calif.	10.00
Mrs. Pauline J. Phillips and Mrs. Counce Wood, Newnam, Georgia	80.00
Central Congregational Church of Newton, Newtonville, Massachusetts	100.00
Total Thanksgiving Gifts	675.00
Total	$1,841.54
Total for the Week	$2,154.12

ADVENT EVE

By Mrs. W. W. Sloan

Homing birds, or jets, wing high
Across a flaming winter sky
Unswervingly.

Circling planets swing among
The steadfast stars
Unerringly.

Little children cry for bread
Underneath that faint, far red
Deservingly.

Super-patriots, amply fed,
Offer them a stone instead,
Uncaringly.

Cry, little ones with lips that are blue!
There once was a Christ.
He cried, too.

Mrs. W. T. Joyner At Lynnhaven Colony

Mrs. William T. Joyner, former missionary teacher at the Uduvil Girls' School in Ceylon, was the speaker at the church annual Family Thank-offering Ingathering Service on Sunday evening, November 21. Mrs. Joyner showed slides and told about her work in Ceylon.

Seminar Sessions At Lynnhaven Colony

Members and friends of the Lynnhaven Colony United Church of Christ will be sharing in special seminar sessions dealing with a variety of themes. During January, February, and March, for example, there will be three sessions on the background, organization, and theology of the United Church of Christ. Subsequent sessions will consider The Meaning of Prayer; Christianity and Communism; Protestant-Roman Catholic Relationships Today. The meetings are held the fourth Wednesday evening of each month beginning January 26.

Youth Fellowships Active At Raleigh

A Christmas Family Workshop on December 12, at the United Church of Raleigh, saw junior high young people and parents engaged in creative activity to make gifts for a nearby nursing home.

The Senior High Youth Fellowship of the church has been working on a party for the children of the Joe Lewis Park Area on December 18. The group will share in Christmas activities in the church and community, part of which is the UCYM caroling on the 18th.

Rosemont Advent Activities

On November 28, members and friends of the Rosemont United Church of Christ were able to view movies of the church's main events of the past year, including Homecoming, the church picnic, Easter Sunday and Church School.

The Welfare Committee of the church, active all year long, is formulating plans for the distribution of food, clothing and money to the needy and unfortunate of the community.

Children Give At The Christian Temple

As part of the educational emphasis of their church school, children at The Christian Temple in Norfolk will be encouraged to bring gifts for a needy family to a Christmas program on December 19. During the program, when shepherds and wisemen bring gifts, the children will present their gifts, too. After the program, when gifts have been sorted according to family needs, the Deacons will deliver the presents to the families adopted by the church this Christmas.

Growth Opportunities

The Greensboro Area Leadership Training School

Congregational United Church of Christ,
Radiance Drive
Sunday, February 6, through Wednesday,
February 9
Age Group Study, Music, Bible Study et al

The Eastern North Carolina Leadership Training School

The United Church of Christ, Chapel Hill
Sunday, February 20, 2:30-5:30
Age Group Study, Church School Helps

These opportunities are for church school teachers, pastors, members of Christian Education Committees, concerned leaders and parents of our **Southern Conference** churches.

ON THE EDGE

On December 12, the **Elon College Community Church** had "The Hanging of the Greens," which is a worship experience led by the youth groups of the church, in the evening.

A Christmas Pageant will be given on December 19 at **Mt. Zion United Church of Christ in Mebane.** Participants will include the church school children. 7:00 p. m. is the time.

The Rev. Dr. John G. Truitt is serving as interim pastor for the **Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ** at Liberty.

Mrs. Don Leonard was guest speaker for the Women's Fellowship at **Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ in Liberty** on November 28; her topic was "Worship, Work and Witness."

Ladies at the **Salem Chapel United Church of Christ** have been meeting to review the book, "Household of Power," by Oliver Powell. They have met twice and plan to continue until finished.

First Congregational Church in Asheville had a Christmas Workshop on December 10 for children, their parents, and all members and friends of the church. This was an evening of "getting ready for Christmas", with things to make together as families, carol singing and refreshments.

The Rev. John S. Graves, Campus Minister for Elon College, was in charge of the annual Christmas program of the **First Christian Church (UCC)** Women's Fellowship in Burlington. It was held on December 6 at the home of Mrs. W. W. Sellers.

The Youth Choir of **Bethlehem Christian Church (UCC) Suffolk** presented a Cantata at **Oakland Christian Church in Chuckatuck** on December 12.

Open-church Communion will be observed at **Lynnhaven Colony United Church of Christ** on December 24. The worshipers may come at any time during the three hour period (8:00-11:00 p.m.) for meditation and prayer, and to receive the sacrament at the altar. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Thomas Britton.

At **Beulah United Church of Christ in Lexington,** a Golden Age Fellowship Hour was held one Sunday in November for the older members of the church. This get-together included the serving of oyster stew. Worship was led by the pastor, the Rev. H. J. Meier.

An Advent Family Night was observed at the **Congregational Christian Church in Durham** on December 5. Stories, songs, and an Advent Wreath were shared around a fireplace. Supper was served on specially decorated tables. Responsibilities for carrying out the activities were shared by various groups and members of the church.

"Christmas Comes To Ramseur" is the title of a motion picture which will be presented on December 20, 6:30 p.m., to members and guests of the Ramseur Lions Club by the Rev. N. Ellis Vandegrift, pastor of the **Ramseur Christian Church.** The film will be shown at the Town Hall and includes messages from President Johnson, Congressman Jonas, and scenes of local and national interest.

Our American Christmas — How It Came About

By Lowell A. Smoot

I would like to share with you a part of the story of how Christmas came about in the United States. It was not until the 19th century that a really distinctive national Christmas developed in this country.

Its traditional elements came from English and European sources; these were altered in America to suit the emerging American civilization. Like other popular celebrations, Christmas drew vitally both from Christian and from pagan sources. It was anchored in the biblical account of the Nativity, but also contained beliefs and practices of European influences.

The Early Attitudes

Few Americans are aware of the fact that large groups of colonists objected to Christmas during the 17th and 18th centuries. In general, Puritans, Baptists, Presbyterians, and Quakers strongly opposed the observance of Christmas, but members of the Church of England, the Dutch Reformed, Lutheran, and Roman Catholic Churches carefully followed their traditional celebrations to which they had been accustomed in the Old Country.

The Puritans who came out of England to America, because of their differences in church government, brought their hatred of the Christmas festival with them. That first Christmas on the bleak New England shore must have been a gloomy one, with all merriment banned. The men went ashore from the Mayflower to cut and carry logs, and they worked all day on that first December 25 erecting their first building. They neglected Christmas Day entirely.

The next year, 1621, Governor Bradford insisted that work be continued as usual, and permitted no religious observance. On that Christmas Day a group of young men excused themselves from work for religious reasons. Later that day when the Governor found them on the street playing ball, he became very angry and stopped their sport, declaring that it was against his conscience to see them at play while others were laboring. He added that if it was a matter of devotion they should stay indoors. In 1659, the Pilgrims of the American colonies enacted a law in the General Court of Massachusetts to punish those who "kept Christmas."

Immigrants, who were loyal to the Church of England, began to settle in America in large numbers, and there was a gradual lessening of the laws governing the observance of religious festivals. So in the year 1681 the law against the celebration of Christmas was repealed, but the Puritans were not reconciled to it.

As time passed on, the attitude throughout the colonies conformed to denominational ties of the settlers. Communities settled manly by Roman Catholics, Episcopalian or Dutch Reformed observed Christmas, while those communities dominated by Quakers, Baptists, Congregationalists and Presbyterians vigorously denounced it. This was the pattern of Christmas keeping throughout the seaboard colonies during the period from 1620 until about 1750.

The latter half of the 18th century saw a swing of attention to the realm of economics and politics, so religious controversies, including that of Christmas observance, became of less importance.

Sunday School Influence

You will recall that Sunday Schools were not an established part of the church program until the first half of the 19th century. The religious celebration of Christmas was introduced piecemeal into the Sunday Schools and the denominations which once vigorously opposed Christmas began to accept it.

The Sunday School Union was organized to prepare lesson materials for the various denominations. By 1870, Christmas was an accepted topic in the publications of the Sunday School Union. It was in about 1847 that the first Sunday School Christmas tree was set up for Sunday School children to enjoy.

But this gave rise to problems which worried some of the staunch religious people. For example, by 1877 gift giving was being abused because some children apparently went to Sunday School at Christmas only to obtain a gift. They were called Christmas Bummers. So critics began to demand that gift giving be outlawed and stress put on Christian charity.

In the South, the habit of shooting firecrackers developed. Some sources say this custom developed in early days when settlers wished to send Christmas greetings to distant neighbors. Others believe the idea goes back to the ancient habit of making noises to frighten away evil spirits.

The 19th century increase in the popularity of Christmas was demonstrated by the legal establishment of December 25 as a holiday in all states between 1836 and 1890. Alabama was the first state to acknowledge formally the special character of Christmas Day. This happened in 1836. Virginia made Christmas a legal holiday in 1849. North Carolina came late in the game. Our own state was the 42nd state to make Christmas a legal holiday. This took place in 1881, just 84 years ago.

And So, Christmas

So the struggles and controversies ended and the celebration began to include pre-season shopping, decorations, the Christmas card custom, erection of trees in the homes, use of holly, ivy, mistletoe, family reunions, the gift bringing visit of Santa Claus, festive foods and drinks, a background of snow, Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, and even mama kissing Santa Claus in the living room!

Thus the past 75 years have seen the real birth of Christmas as we know it today. Of course it has grown and taken on new characteristics along the way.

Even though Christmas is classified as a distinctively religious celebration, it does have much folklore and pagan practices tied in with it. And sometimes the folklore and pagan practices overshadow the real meaning and spirit that Christmas should have for us. The birth of the Christchild, the visit of the wise men to the manger bringing their gifts in recognition of what God had done for the world, and the life that was lived by Jesus Christ.

The point that we should remember this season, I think, is this: That Jesus Christ did live a life, He did set an example for us to pattern our lives after if we are to gain the most from this life which God has entrusted to us.

It doesn't matter too much where He was born, or how. The thing that matters most to me is that He WAS born, that He did live the kind of life He did for a short period of time on earth. I do know that it brings me joy and happiness to try in my feeble way to live as He did and do some of the things out in community life that He did.

During this Christmas season, may His spirit become more real to each of us as we celebrate and enjoy the good things which God has provided.

It came upon the midnight clear,
The glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The Blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way,
With painful steps and slow,
Look now, for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years,
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heaven and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

Christmas Is . . .

Christmas is a clear winter eve filled with expectantly shimmering stars and a crispness unequalled by ordinary nights. It is a prelude of questioning and hopelessly impatient children too excited to sleep and too uncertain of the consequences if they do not.

Christmas is remembering. The gathering of the past year's special memories -- the losses, the pains, the sorrows, but more clearly the joys and the fulfilled dreams, the experiences of love and the shared times of deeply personal discoveries. It is a re-collecting time for years and holidays gone by.

Christmas is the knowledge that some men, at some times, in some places, have believed in a self-giving God of love. It is the added knowledge, because this is so, that there remains the responsibility to show Him -- by word and act -- to other men, all the time, everywhere.

Christmas is a beginning, though it comes at the end of our year. A starting point anticipating refreshed minds and lives. The jumping off point for the leap of faith into the world of faithlessness. The firm and secure fact in history which starts us off in our beliefs about God and His compassionate concern.

Christmas is most significant for mature adults, though it centers on a child and has children as its most ardent supporters. Beneath the tranquility is truth transcendent. Truth requiring mature and maturing minds willing and eager to build lives on the revealed significance of one event centuries ago.

Christmas is a disturbing phenomenon, though its scene is one of peace and tenderness. The cause of both revolutions and reformations, of upheavals and downtroddings, of Life sought and sacrifice given. In seeking to discover and rediscover its meaning, our ruts are flattened and our most cherished preconceptions about ourselves and others are overturned. We can be made uncomfortable as comprehension of the awesomeness of this event hits us. Our lives can be evaluated, in spite of our protests and dodgings to avoid the evaluation.

Christmas is profound, though in its first impressions simple. This is the point in time when the eternal joins with the temporal, when the powerful unites with the feeble, when the wise combines with the foolish, when divinity becomes one with humanity. The Incarnation.

Christmas is all these things -- beauty, excitement, remembering, knowing, beginning, truth, disturbingly profound. It requires vision, open lives, learning minds, confession, repentence, understanding. And more, it has meaning when love, concern, self-giving, worship, and faith help that which is Holy again mingle with that which is seeking holiness.

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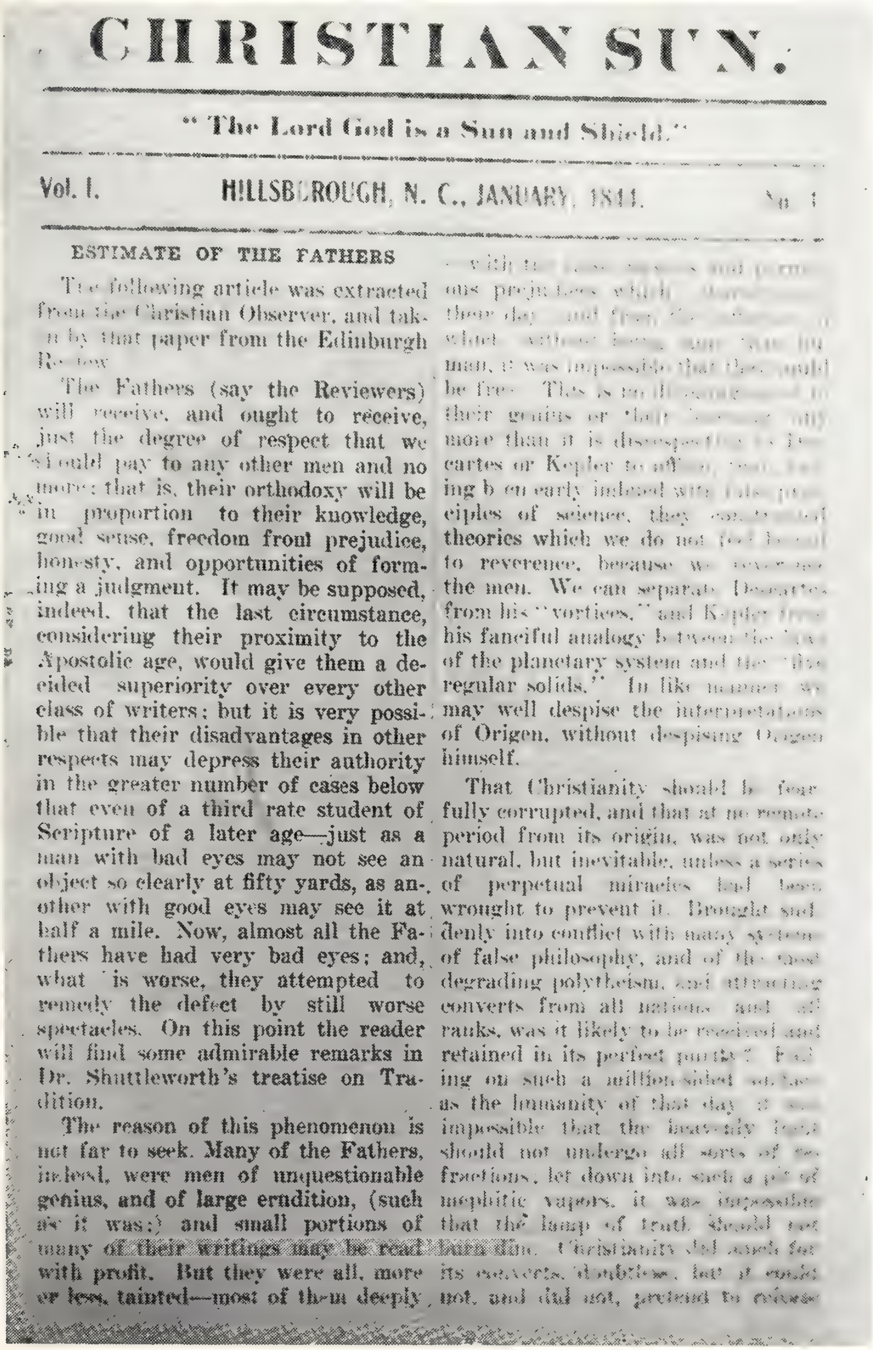

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"The Lord God is a Sun and Shield."

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ESTIMATE OF THE FATHERS

The following article was extracted from the Christian Observer, and taken by that paper from the Edinburgh Review.

The Fathers (say the Reviewers) will receive, and ought to receive, just the degree of respect that we should pay to any other men and no more: that is, their orthodoxy will be in proportion to their knowledge, good sense, freedom from prejudice, honesty, and opportunities of forming a judgment. It may be supposed, indeed, that the last circumstance, considering their proximity to the Apostolic age, would give them a decided superiority over every other class of writers; but it is very possible that their disadvantages in other respects may depress their authority in the greater number of cases below that even of a third rate student of Scripture of a later age—just as a man with bad eyes may not see an object so clearly at fifty yards, as another with good eyes may see it at half a mile. Now, almost all the Fathers have had very bad eyes; and, what is worse, they attempted to remedy the defect by still worse spectacles. On this point the reader will find some admirable remarks in Dr. Shuttleworth's treatise on Tradition.

The reason of this phenomenon is not far to seek. Many of the Fathers, indeed, were men of unquestionable genius, and of large erudition, (such as it was;) and small portions of many of their writings may be read with profit. But they were all, more or less, tainted—most of them deeply—with the [illegible] and pernicious prejudices which [illegible] their day, and from [illegible] which, without being more than human, it was impossible that they could be free. This is no [illegible] to their genius or their learning, any more than it is disrespectful to Descartes or Kepler to affirm, that, having been early imbued with false principles of science, they constructed theories which we do not feel bound to reverence, because we reverence the men. We can separate Descartes from his "vortices," and Kepler from his fanciful analogy between the laws of the planetary system and the "five regular solids." In like manner we may well despise the interpretations of Origen, without despising Origen himself.

That Christianity should be fearfully corrupted, and that at no remote period from its origin, was not only natural, but inevitable, unless a series of perpetual miracles had been wrought to prevent it. Brought suddenly into conflict with many systems of false philosophy, and of the most degrading polytheism, and attracting converts from all nations and of all ranks, was it likely to be received and retained in its perfect purity? Falling on such a million-sided soil as the humanity of that day, it was impossible that the heavenly light should not undergo all sorts of refractions; let down into such a pit of mephitic vapors, it was impossible that the lamp of truth should not burn dim. Christianity did much for its converts, doubtless, but it could not, and did not, pretend to reverse

The Editors of The Christian Sun

There have been fifteen editors of **The Christian Sun** since its beginning in 1844. The following names and dates have been established by research into the original copies of **The Sun** and/or **The Annual** of The Southern Convention.

Rev. D. W. Kerr	1844-1850
Rev. H. B. Hayes	1850-1855
Rev. W. B. Wellons, D.D.	1855-1875
Rev. J. T. Whitley	1875-1878
Rev. J. P. Barrett, D.D.	1879-1880
Rev. W. T. Walker, D.D.	1881-1882
Rev. J. P. Barrett, D.D.	1882-1891
Rev. W. G. Clements, D.D.	1891-1894
Dr. E. L. Moffitt	1894-1900
Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D.D.	1900-1916
Rev. C. B. Riddle	1916-1922
Rev. J. P. Barrett, D.D.	1922-1924
Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D.D.	1924-1936
Mr. J. T. Kernodle	1936
Rev. F. C. Lester, D.D.	1936-1940
Rev. R. L. House, D.D.	1940-1953
Mr. J. T. Kernodle	1953-1954
Rev. S. C. Harrell, D.D.	1954-1956
Rev. F. C. Lester, D.D.	1956-1964
Rev. R. N. Rinker	1964-1965

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

> **I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths. As for you, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.**
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> **—II Timothy 4:1-5 RSV**
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Back in 1852, in **The Herald of Gospel Liberty** (which was the first of the religious publications in America, and published by The Christian Church beginning in 1808), the Reverend Oliver Barr once wrote these words: **You need a ministry prepared in the age, for the work and the wants of the age, to labor in God's husbandry, on God's building.** Both the words of Second Timothy and of Mr. Barr speak to the condition of every Christian, clergyman and layman, as we look forward in Christ to a more effective witness in The Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Ours is not only verbal agreement to truths revealed in our Incarnate Lord — ours is an agreement to preach, teach, be steady in acts witnessing to our faith in God. And more, to do so in season — where we now are in this age and as the Church now serves — and out of season, that is in new ways, in imaginative ways, in significant ways which urgently exhort and convince those with whom we work and live of the truth of our cause.

The notion that ministers alone are the exclusively employed messengers of The Word has been repeatedly shown to be unscriptural and limiting for the Church. Every person, according to his understanding and abilities, is called to the responsibility to share in the charge outlined by the writer of Second Timothy. Now is no time to allow the accumulated teachers of dissention, hatred, violence, bigotry, and fear to speak to the world without response from the Christian perspective. The Church, people, must respond as witnesses for a living God, triumphant in His compassionate love and universal concern for justice and peace among all men.

What is our creed? The Christ of our Holy Bible. In Him is our life centered and He is our Head and Master. From Him we would take our name, and living in His life we would all be brethren.

—Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D.D.
The Christian Sun
April 3, 1907

A VERY SMALL PART OF 120 YEARS

Milestones have a way of marking a beginning for what awaits ahead, and a transitional point for what has been in the past. We look in one direction with eager anticipation. Our gaze is cast the other way with gratitude and joyful memories which will help us create memories in the future for others.

This is the final issue of **The Christian Sun.** It has been my happy privilege to have had a small share in its history, and for this experience and opportunity I am deeply grateful.

Richard N. Rinker

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Eastern Area Office

As of January 1, 1966, Rev. Clyde L. Fields will assume his responsibility as Area Minister for Eastern North Carolina. He will have general responsibility for the churches of the Southern Conference East of Guilford County in the Eastern half of North Carolina. He will be available for any service to the local churches in the Eastern North Carolina area wherever possible.

The office for the Eastern Area Minister will be located on the campus of Elon College, on the first floor of Alamance Building. The telephone number will be 584-3111. Please call this number for any service which Mr. Fields can render to the churches of the Eastern North Carolina area.

Rev. Clyde Fields will continue to live in the present residence located at 209 Williamson Ave., Elon College, N. C., telephone 584-6239.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Superintendent of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches for the past five and one half years. I am deeply indebted to officers and committees of the Southern Convention and the several Conferences which made up same. Without such help and assistance, it would not have been possible to accomplish our work together. I am also greatly indebted to the Convention and Office staff who have worked so faithfully together with me in our common labor together. My gratitude to each person involved is hereby expressed.

I am sure that each of us will give our prayerful support to the work of the Southern Conference in every phase of its activity. We have a glorious opportunity to be an effective instrument for the Lord Jesus Christ in our time.

It has been a joy to share with the readers of THE CHRISTIAN SUN "Footnotes From Fields." We are not yet sure what form the Southern Conference News will take. However, we are confident that the new publication will continue in its own way to do the work formerly done by THE CHRISTIAN SUN, THE STANDARD, and THE NEWSLETTER.

Faithfully yours,
Clyde L. Fields

> Man's income is in proportion to the amount invested; where he invests his pennies, he receives a penny's reward; where he invests his dollars, he receives a dollar's reward. A dollar to the devil, a penny to the Lord! How many in this world make their investments in this proportion! And alas! How many draw their interest in this same proportion!
>
> —E. L. Moffitt, LL.D.
> **The Christian Sun**

South Norfolk Women's Fellowship

On the evening of December 9, the Women's Fellowship of the South Norfolk United Church of Christ held their quarterly meeting and Christmas Friendly Service program. Mrs. Bernice Hargrove, president of the group, presided.

Following the business session, "Love For One Another" served as the theme for devotions. Friendly Service Chairman, Mrs. Norma Morris, led the dedication prayer for the gifts toward Friendly Service; included were sheets and pillow cases for the Elon Home for Children, and women's underwear for mental patients at Williamsburg, Virginia.

A Christmas Candlelight Service entitled "Christ Has Come!" was conducted by the president and nine members of the Fellowship. Candles were lit in token of Christ's coming for Children; Motherhood; Thought of God; Forgiving Grace; Man's Worth; Ethical Ideals; Sacrifice; Loyalty for Noble Devotions; Immortality; and Peace. The lights from the candles were transferred to the candles of members in the pews. Between the lighting of the candles, carols were sung. The service was closed with the Benediction by the pastor of the church, the Rev. James D. Rumley, Jr.

More Churches With 1965 Apportionment Fully Paid

In addition to the churches listed in the two preceding issues of **The Christian Sun,** the following have fully paid their apportionments for the year 1965:

North Carolina & Virginia — Hopedale; Long's Chapel; Tryon
Eastern Virginia — Prince George; Spring Hill
Eastern North Carolina — Southern Pines
Western North Carolina — Liberty

Churches are urged to send in the balance of their apportionment payments immediately to insure their inclusion on the 1965 records. The **deadline date** for such inclusion will be **January 10.** The above names are as of December 16.

Women's Fellowship And Rec-Nic

In 1965-66, the Life Membership and Memorial emphases will be centered on the facility to be built at Moonelon Center hopefully in the spring of 1966 for use by campers and church groups.

The Rec-Nic building will be a multiple-purpose structure including showers, toilets, and an open sheltered area with tables and fireplace. Groups coming to the Center for picnics when camps are not in session will find it helpful for their needs. During camps it will serve as recreation and craftwork center.

So far about 1/4 of the necessary funds have been gathered thanks to the work and interest of Southern Convention Women's Fellowships. If the remaining funds can be obtained before March, construction can be started with a good chance for presummer completion. Life Memberships and Memorials should be sent for this purpose to **Mrs. M. F. Hall, 207 Cedar Street, Suffolk, Va.** (for fellowships in Virginia), or **Mrs. J. Mark McAdams, Elon College, N. C.** (for fellowships in North Carolina).

Highlights Of The Southern Convention From 1794-1965

By Dr. Wm. T. Scott

The Christian Church (denomination), which in 1931 united with the Congregational Churches to form the Congregational Christian Churches of the United States of America, was itself the result of a union movement, in Virginia and North Carolina, in New England and in Kentucky, that sprang up in the decade that closed the eighteenth century and opened the nineteenth. **Chronologically first** was the Southern group that had its origin in the Methodist societies of John Wesley, later the Methodist Episcopal Church in which in 1792-1794 resulted in a rebellion against increasing episcopal influences in the Methodist organization, and against the autocratic rule of Bishop Francis Asbury. The leading personalities in this movement were **Rev. James O'Kelly,** a Wesleyan lay preacher from 1775 to the formation of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784, and from that date until 1792 a Presiding Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church; and **Rev. Rice Haggard.**

The Southern Christians under James O'Kelly and his associates embraced the territory covering most of the South — and early records indicate there were congregations in parts of Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Missouri, Texas. However, the greater strength was from the beginning in **the tidewater, Shenandoah Valley and southern Virginia; eastern and central North Carolina; south and southwest Georgia and east Alabama.**

Negro congregations among the Christians increased immediately following the Civil War and they were to be found principally in the same areas of tidewater Virginia, and in North Carolina where the white churches were located. This is still a fact. Prior to the war, Negro and white members belonged to the same churches. In 1866 the North Carolina Christian Conference composed of Negro churches was organized at Raleigh and on December 11, 1873, the Virginia Colored Conference was organized at Mt. Ararat Church, Nansemond County, Virginia.

From the earliest days, the Christian Church's view of union and the purpose of their life was thus summarized: **"The purpose of this Church will be consummated in the reformation of the world, and the union of all Christians."** In the organizational meeting in Surry County, Virginia, August 4, 1794, James O'Kelly declared, "We learn from the Book of God, that Jesus Christ came into the world to establish one Church, not many, and that the Church, in general, includes all real Christians in the world," and further declared, "Any number of Christians, united in love, having Jesus Christ as their Head and center of union, constitute a Church." Concluding, he said, "Brethren, if we are Christ's, then we are Christians, from His authority, His Name, and His divine nature. Let names and parties fall; that the Church may be one in all. There is but one door into His Body; there is but one way out: that is sin." In the first volume of the **Herald of Gospel Liberty,** established in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, September 1, 1808, by Rev. Elias Smith of the New England Christians, O'Kelly gave forty reasons for Christian union in an article titled "A Plan of Union."

Prior to the organizational meeting in Surry County, Virginia, O'Kelly and about 30 other ministers who in protest had left the Methodist Episcopal Conference meeting in Baltimore, in 1792 and 1793 had associated themselves for one year as "Republican Methodists," not desiring to separate from the "Methodists of John Wesley," but rather they sought amendment to the **new** episcopal order of the Church. Failing to get any satisfaction from Asbury, who was determined upon his course, O'Kelly and his associates assembled in a church in Surry County, Virginia, beginning August 4, 1794, in a "general meeting." Before the meeting adjourned four days later this group of Christians, however reluctantly, had set up an organization that became a component part of the Christian Church, **this Nation's first indigenous denomination.**

Being opposed to bishops, they provided that the local churches be **congregational** in practice, the churches choosing their own pastors and managing their own affairs, yet remaining in the bond of Christian fellowship with sister churches. They completed their simple organization upon broad principles that declared that Jesus Christ is the only head of His Church, and rejected all other names except **Christian,** the one derived from Christ their head. They chose the name Christian not presumptuously but devoutly, as the only truly descriptive title of His followers. They would have no rule of faith and practice but the **Bible;** named no test of Christian fellowship and of church membership except **Christian character;** and they extended to all the right and responsibility of **Private Judgment,** and the **Liberty of Conscience.** They declared that the purpose of this Church they found it necessary to establish, for reasons of conscience and faithfulness to Christ, will be consummated in the reformation of the world and the **Union of all Christians.**

Early Organization

The early organization of the Christians in the South from 1794 consisted mainly of "local," "union," or "general" meetings held seasonally or annually, but few records of these have been found. **The first organized Conferences** of which there are some existing minutes were what are now known as the Eastern Virginia Conference, organized in May, 1817, at Holy Neck Church, Nansemond County, Virginia; the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, organized in 1825; and the Virginia Valley Conference in 1838; (note: the Deep River Conference — now the WNC Conference — was formed in 1864, the Eastern North Carolina Conference was formed in 1894 from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference and of the Deep River Conference.) There was an organized Conference in Georgia as early as 1838; and later in Alabama, Tennessee, Missouri and Texas, but records of these are almost totally missing. As above reported — Negro Conferences were organized in North Carolina in 1866 and in Virginia in 1873.

The Christian conferences were wary of ecclesiastical domination; so wary, indeed, that at the close of conference sessions in some areas the records were burned lest some day they might be used to limit the freedom of some church or future conference. The shared passion for Christian union did quite the opposite from encouraging denominational development, and as a result organization on any but a **local** level was slow. Though a national meeting of Christians was held in 1820 in Windham, Conn., attendance from areas other than New England was quite limited. The gathering was called the United States General Conference of Christians, but this body was loosely organized and had no continuous life between sessions. **The American Christian Convention** later became the inclusive name for the national fellowship of Christian churches, but it was limited in organization and influence, with respect to all three groups. Years went by before the more cohesive **General Convention of the Christian Church** was organized, with a national headquarters established in Dayton, Ohio. The **Southern Churches** at first maintained but a nominal relationship with the organization. The use of Sunday School, Mission and other literature, together with certain services provided by the national body increased the denominational nature of the fellowship of churches, but there was never any closely organized denominational life as can be found in many other denominations of America. That probably accounted in large measure for the lack of numerical growth of the Christian Church.

The early development of the Christian Church in the South is centered around the influence and work of strong personalities and certain events and institutions. Among the personalities to be mentioned should be **Rev. Daniel W. Kerr,** early educator and publisher; **Rev. John R. Holt,** educator and minister of the Christian Church, and **Rev. William B. Wellons,** churchman and organizer. The events and institutions that should most certainly be listed would include the establishment of **The Christian Sun,** the organizing of the Southern Christian Association and its successor — the Southern Christian Convention, and the founding of Junto Academy, and of Graham Institute that resulted in Graham College and ultimately Elon College.

The first and one of the most significant instruments of organized effort was the establishment of **The Christian Sun** by Rev. Daniel W. Kerr of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. The first issue appeared on February 17, 1844, and it has continued as a monthly, semi-monthly, or weekly periodical from that time until this date, except during the War between the States and the year following when publication ceased between 1863 and 1867. It was through the inspiration and guidance of public sentiment through the columns of **The Christian Sun** that resulted nearly every program of advance of the Southern Christians from 1844 to the present time. The distinguished history and service of **The Christian Sun** since 1844 stand as reminders to us that in our day we must find mediums of expressing the mind of Christ through the printed page as did our founding fathers. We will not lay aside to be forgotten the volumes of **The Christian Sun,** but rather we will keep them upon our hearts and our minds, continuing to learn from them. We pledge new devotion to the Cause of Christ to which **The Christian Sun** was dedicated in 1844 and has continued steadfastly for these more than 120 years.

The Southern Christian Convention

In 1847, on the seventh of April, the **Southern Christian Association** was organized by the churches of North Carolina and Virginia at Good Hope Church in Granville County, North Carolina, its avowed purpose declared to be the continued publication of **The Christian Sun,** promotion of missions and education, and the general welfare of the Churches. The Southern Christian Association gave way to the **Southern Christian Convention,** organized at Union Chapel, Orange County (now Alamance), North Carolina, September 30, 1856. This meeting lasted for five days, with delegates and ministers present from North Carolina and Virginia. Letters of greetings were received from churches and ministers in Louisiana, Texas, and Georgia. Rev. William B Wellons of Nansemond County, Virginia, was elected President. At this Convention a declaration was made, setting forth the reasons for calling the meeting being, the situation facing the churches of the Southern States with regard to the slavery issue, particularly in view of the anti-slavery resolution adopted by the American Christian Convention in 1854 in Cincinnati, Ohio. In protest at the refusal of the Convention to hear a minority report claiming the right of private judgment in this grave issue, the delegates from the Southern area left the Convention, and the Southern Churches thereby withdrew from the American Christian Convention, although in reality the relationship which the Southern Churches had maintained with the national Convention was very limited and for only a few years prior to 1854 The first business, therefore, transacted in the 1856 organizing session of the Southern Convention was to sustain the action of the Southern delegates in the American Christian Convention, and to proceed to the organizing of the Southern Christian Convention. The polity of the Church was thoroughly considered and discussed, with a resulting declaration to adhere strictly and firmly to the principles and government originally adopted by the founding fathers in 1794. Brief outlines of organizations of different departments of church life were proposed and adopted. Plans were laid for the establishment of the Southern Book Concern, and for the publication of **The Christian Sun.** (It should be noted that in 1956 the Centennial Session of the Convention was held at the same Union Ridge Church.) The 1856 Convention adjourned to meet in 1858 at Cypress Chapel Church, Nansemond County, Virginia, and thereafter every four years. (In 1890 the biennial schedule of meetings was established.)

Meeting at Cypress Chapel May 5-8, 1858, delegates assembled from the North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and Alabama Conferences. **Dr. E. F. Watson,** physician and layman from Union Ridge Church, Alamance County, North Carolina, was elected President, the only layman to hold that position until 100 years later at the Centennial Session held in 1956 when another layman, **Martin T. Garren** of Greensboro, North Carolina, was elected President. At the 1858 session, the Convention completed the transfer of **The Christian Sun** from the disbanded Southern Christian Association; a Missionary Society was organized; Graham Institute, forerunner of Elon College and a project of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, was placed under the care of a Board of Trustees elected by the Convention, and plans were made to increase financial support for the school.

Early Christian Higher Education

No review of the historical development of the Southern Convention would be complete without mention of **Junto Academy,** a classical school conducted by Rev. Daniel W. Kerr in Orange County, North Carolina, which was chartered in 1838 by the Legislature of North Carolina, and which greatly influenced the cultural and educational life of the community and the Church. It enjoyed the wide approval and patronage of the church people. It was at Junto Academy that the copy for the first issue of **The Christian Sun** was prepared, and it was there edited until about 1850.

Rev. John R. Holt, a pioneer educator, in Alamance County, North Carolina, and a minister of the Christian Church, taught school in Alamance County around 1840. In 1851 he became the first Principal of Graham Institute, a school sponsored by the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. Graham Institute was chartered by the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. Graham Institute was chartered by the Legislature of North Carolina on January 27, 1851, and formally opened January 8, 1852. The Institute's charter was amended January 21, 1859, when it became **Graham College** as a co-educational College under the control of the Christian denomination. The College grew rapidly in public favor under the presidency of Prof. W. H. Doherty, of Antioch College, Ohio, until financial difficulties and the Civil War forced the College to close about 1863. The property was sold at that time at public auction to satisfy creditors. Rev. W. S. Long, Christian minister, a product of Graham Institute, Graham College, and Trinity College (now Duke University), in 1869 purchased the old Graham College property and opened "Graham High School." In 1871, a brother, Rev. D. A. Long, joined him in this venture and on March 3, 1875, a charter for "Graham High School" was granted by the Legislature of North Carolina. This charter was amended on March 5, 1881, naming the school "Graham Normal College."

The Longs continued to operate Graham Normal College until 1883, when Rev. D. A. Long was called to the presidency of Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, a Christian four-year College founded in 1853, with Horace Mann, eminent educator as its first President. Meanwhile, Rev. W. S. Long served as President of Graham Normal College until 1887, when the **Committee on Schools and Colleges of the General Convention of the Christian Church** (the name of the Convention was changed in 1867) — leased the buildings and property, and in August or September of that year reopened "Graham College" suspended since 1863, with Rev. W. S. Long as President; Prof. J. U. Newman, Dean; and Profs. S. A. Holleman, H. J. Stockard, and others as faculty members.

The Convention having been greatly concerned for 25 years with the need for a College for the Christians, an extraordinary session of the Convention was held at Providence Church, Graham, North Carolina, September 11-14, 1888, where action of the Committee on Schools and Colleges was approved and plans were laid for establishing a College on a permanent basis. The Convention elected a Board of Trustees of 15 members and provided for a charter. Meanwhile, Graham College continued to operate until **Elon College** (chartered March 11, 1889) was opened on September, 2, 1890, at its present location, with 76 students being registered the first day. This story of education has been told in some detail because the story of Elon College and forerunner institutions, including Suffolk Collegiate Institute, established at Suffolk, Virginia, in 1872, has been the story of the churches of the Southern Convention, for it has been at these institutions that ministerial and lay leadership have been trained, and where wholesome pride, interest and progress have been inspired and generated through the churches at large.

The Cardinal Principles

Reverting, now, to the 1858 session of the Convention. This session ended upon a high note and with high hopes for the future, but before 1862 and time for the next meeting had arrived, the South and North were engaged in the devastating Civil War. The Christians suffered great losses and only the North Carolina Conference could continue its annual meetings. In 1866 the shattered forces gathered in a Convention held at Mt. Auburn Christian Church in Warren County, North Carolina, to attempt to rebuild its strength. Here means were provided for reviving **The Christian Sun,** for the publication of a hymnal and directory of worship. **The Principles and Government of the Church** were reduced from a verbal to a written state and were ratified in a special meeting held in 1867 at the same place. The name of the Convention was here changed to the General Convention of the Christian Church, which name continued until 1892, when the name "Southern Christian Convention" was again resumed. At the 1867 extraordinary session of the Convention the **"Cardinal Principles of the Christian Church"** appeared in printed form as a part of the Church Order for the first time, it is believed. Those Principles had been enunciated at the 1794 organizational session in Surry County, Virginia, and at the organization of the Southern Christian Convention in 1856, but they appeared in a printed form as a part of the "Principles and Government of the Christian Church" in 1867 and were listed as follows:

(1) The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church.

(2) The name Christian is the only appellation needed or received by the Church.

(3) The Holy Bible, or the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, is a sufficient rule of faith and practice.

(4) Christian Character, or vital piety, is a just, and should be the only, test of fellowship, or of Church membership.

(5) The right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience is a right and a privilege that should be accorded to, and exercised by, all.

A sixth Principle used by the Northern and Western portion of the Christian denomination was, "The union of the followers of Christ, to the end that the world may believe." However, the Southern Convention never used that particular form as a sixth Principle, but underlining the five Principles above listed, was the following statement: **The purposes of this Church will be consummated in the reformation of the world and the union of all Christians.**

Organizational Changes

At the 1870 session of the Convention, fraternal delegates were received from the New England Christians. This led to a renewal of contact of the Southern and Northern Churches and led to a reunion in 1890. In the 1870's there was increased missionary concern led by Rev. P. T. Klapp, and in 1886 a Foreign Mission Board was named. The Convention in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board of the American Christian Convention sent out (to Japan) the Christian Church's first foreign missionary.

HIGHLIGHTS, 1794-1965 (CONCLUDED)

Among the more important organizational changes and developments in the Southern Convention since 1900 have been the authorization and founding in 1902 of the Christian Orphanage (now the **Elon Home for Children**), with the first child being admitted in 1907; the growth of the missionary program, including the organization of the **Women's work** in 1906, Woman's Board in 1912, and the organization as an auxiliary of the Southern Convention, the Women's Missionary Convention in 1913 (now the Women's Fellowship), with Mrs. C. H. Rowland the first President; the employment of a Mission Secretary, Dr. J. O. Atkinson, in 1916; the promotion of **young people's work** (in 1896 the Convention formally adopted the program of the Society of Christian Endeavor, with Christian Endeavor being made an auxiliary of the Convention in 1908, later expanded into the "Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Convention" and finally the youth work of the Convention being associated with the national Pilgrim Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches); the development of the **apportionment plan** for financing the enterprises of the Conferences, Convention and denomination at home and abroad; the approval of and effecting the Congregational Christian union in 1928-1931; the employment of a Promotional Secretary in 1938 (title changed to Superintendent in 1944); the establishment of a Convention Office and a central treasury in 1944; the organization of the **Laymen's Fellowship** as an auxiliary of the Convention in 1947, with George D. Colclough as its first President; the acquisition in 1950 of the **Moonelon** property as a Convention Conference Center, near Elon College, a gift from Mr and Mrs. W. W. Sellers of Burlington, N. C.; in 1952 the provision for employment of a Secretary of Stewardship and Evangelism, succeeded by an Associate Superintendent in 1958; and in 1957 the provision for the employment of a Minister of Christian Education, though field secretaries of Religious Education were employed prior to that date.

The United Church of Christ

In 1948 the Convention approved the Basis of Union for the proposed union of the Congregational Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed denominations, with the union being consummated in 1957. In 1960 the Constitution of the United Church of Christ was approved by its General Synod and referred to the Congregational Christian Churches and to the Evangelical and Reformed synods for approval. On July 4, 1961, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ adopted the Constitution and put into effect the Union as provided for by the Constitution. In 1962, the Southern Convention, in an adjourned session, approved the Constitution and in 1964 approved the plan of consolidation and realignment of the Southern Convention, Southern Synod, and Convention of the South. On September 30, 1965, the first session of **the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ** was held at Elon College, North Carolina.

The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., having been consolidated with the Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Inc., and the Convention of the South of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., on September 30, 1965, is now a part of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc. The Southern Conference operates in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by each of the three consolidating corporations and by the Southern Conference itself.

Those of us who live in 1965 look back with gratitude upon the long years of struggle and devotion of noble men and women who constituted the Southern Convention. We pay to them our humble tribute for their steadfastness, and we pledge to them our loyalty and steadfastness that the purpose of the Church of Jesus Christ may be finished in accordance with the prayer of our Lord, and the hopes and dreams of our founding fathers, **"the union of the followers of Christ, that the world may believe."**

MAY YOU HAVE CHRISTMAS

By Mary H. Booth

C Christ comes to live with man

H Hope

R Remembrance of many friends

I Inner peace

S Singing with joy

T Thoughtfulness for others

M More love in our hearts

A Angels' message of peace on earth,
good will toward men

S Sharing the good tidings

May we treasure these attributes of
Christmas

And ponder them in our hearts,

Thus getting to fully know

The real joy this day imparts.

May Love and Understanding

Know a very sharp increase

That will guide us through the coming
year

To paths of universal peace!

Shallow Ford United Church Of Christ

Construction Of New Sanctuary

Work on the new sanctuary of the Shallow Ford United Church of Christ, Route 1, Elon College, has been started. This project is the second phase of a building program which was begun in 1956 with the construction of an educational building (the right half of the picture on this page). The sanctuary will be the third church building to be erected on the site; the first was built in 1834.

The new structure was designed by Vernon Lewis, Burlington architect. The supervisor of the actual construction is the pastor of the Shallow Ford Church, the Rev. Richard M. Petersen. A colo
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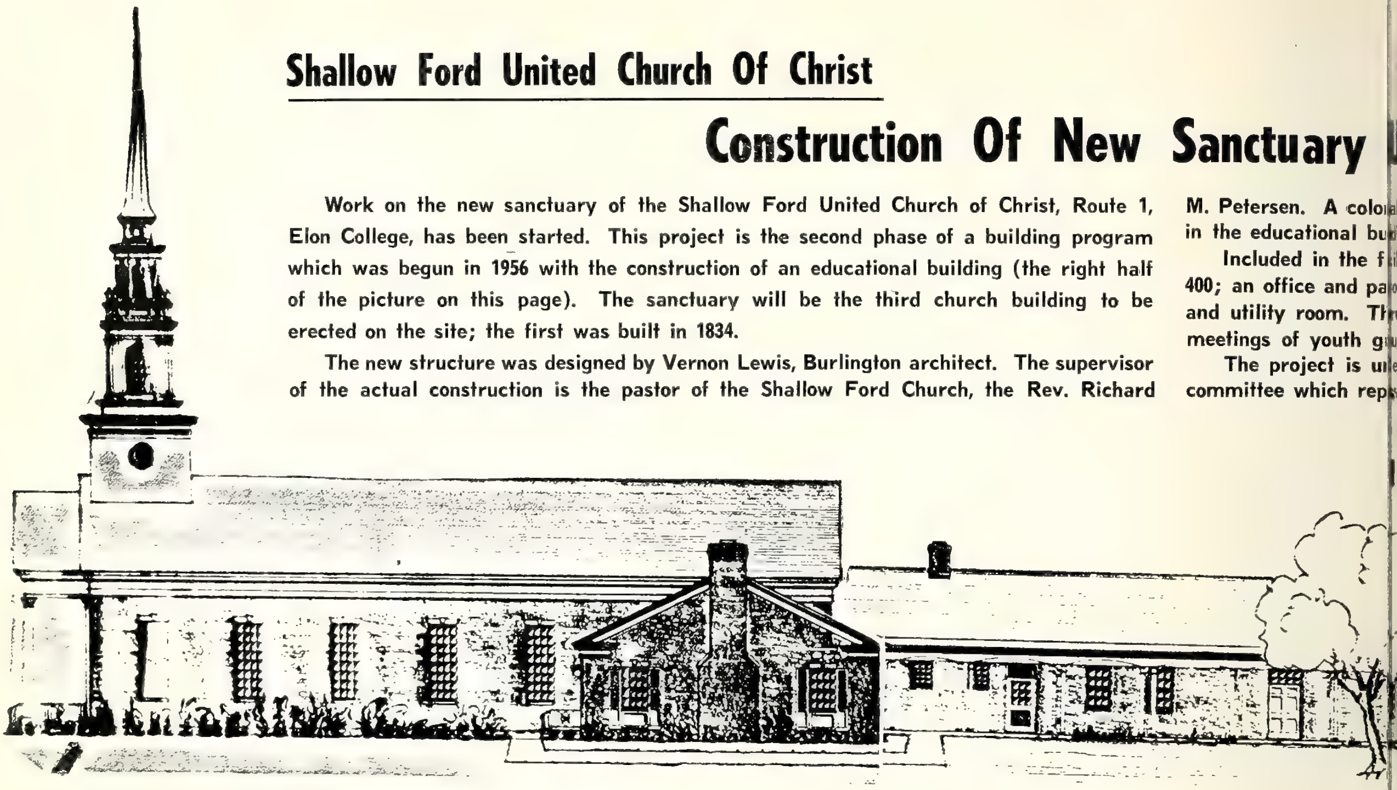

RELEVANCY! RELEVANCY! RELEVANCY!

It may well be that the contemporary call to arms in church circles, "Let's make the gospel relevant!", is the wrong trumpet sound in the symphony of effective witnessing. Presumably the people at whom this cry is directed have already made it relevant. Relevant, that is, for their own awareness of what the gospel is all about. And relevant as far as their relationship to it is concerned.

Yelling loudly and frequently, "Let's make the gospel relevant!", is great for accomplishing what should be the last thing in the world we want — implying that in our ignorance our relationship to the gospel has been terribly irrelevant, which amounts to estrangement for many we seek to reach. Who in the world is going to respond by open-mindedly listening to the individual raising such a challenge! "OK men," the word goes out in the call, "we've been fooling around here with this religion stuff long enough . . . now let's get down to business." True enough for many of us, but such an opening knock on the head isn't calculated to win sympathizers to the "Let's make the gospel relevant!" group.

What, when we really slice the cake deeply, **is** the relevancy of the gospel in today's church for more people than we'd like to admit? If, for them, the gospel has relevancy, wherein is it to be found?

The Ethic

There is a common relevancy associated with the biblical ethic. Sort of half Old Testament and half New Testament. An unstudied, distortably vague batch of pious ideas carried over from Sunday school days without having had the benefit of further mature thought and application. As a snowball, when it's thrown into the hardnesses of life, it frequently shatters into unrecognizable bits and pieces never to be quite the same again. Or, if it's held too long by the fashioner, it becomes watery and formless.

The relevancy of the gospel ethic is that it's the way of life we admit, with proper chagrin (not to be confused with repentance), we are trying to live up to. Mostly negative and, when not negative, just profound enough to be reduceable to further vague and pious phrases requiring an approving look of solemn affirmation and very little further thought.

The Mysticism

There is also a certain degree of relevancy in the mysticism of the gospel as some make use of it. This is a deeply ingrained relevancy basic to man's very nature as attested to by such phrases as "I know what I believe, I just can't put it into words." Here is the ultimate theology — communicable only in deed and there, so often with the same old chagrin, too often denied.

This is the mysticism which precludes intellectual pursuit of God's truth, or so we easily convince ourselves. It is this vacillating ephemerality that discourages probing and questioning. Here it is that the quality of sacredity blocks any reason-

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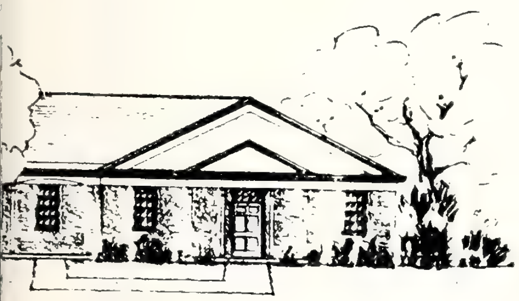
ities will be the sanctuary with a seating capacity of more than r's study; choir room; library; parlor; kitchenette; bride's room, will also be two large rooms, one with a fireplace, suitable for ps of the church and community, such as Scouts and 4-H clubs. r the direction of an eight member committee and a consultant ents various boards and organizations of the church.



BY RICHARD N. RINKER

able consideration of contemporary, meaningful relevancy. The mystical smokescreen keeping the individual from seeing himself in the mirror of responsible reaction to God.

The Self

On the basis of the ethical and mystical relevancies, it is not surprising to find a third sort of gospel relevancy. It is a relevancy centering in self. Concern is for meeting minimum ethical requirements or confirming the validity again and again of self-confined visions into the truth of God and the resultant salvation.

Relevancy becomes a non-judgeable factor in faith. One doesn't say, in the face of such relevancy, "Let's make the gospel relevant!" This says, in its implication, either more of the same ethical, mystical, self-centered sort of thing, or it means an affront to all that has developed as acceptable religious behaviour and attitudes.

What, then, should be the cries of the "Let's make the gospel relevant!" wing? Perhaps "Where do Christian ethics fit into the whole picture of repentent man being redeemed by a self-giving God and Saviour?"; or maybe "How do we use the 'wind' of God to blow away the smokescreen hiding us from the mirror of responsible reaction to God?"; or even "What must we do in evaluating our personal self-delusions in order to judge the relevancy of the gospel for us and for the time in which we share responsibilities?"

The Picture At Moonelon

Each year brings new friends to our retreat and conference center located outside of Elon College. More and more church groups take advantage of its facilities. Combining natural beauty and functional buildings, Moonelon Center continues to provide an environment of worshipful relaxation for picnic groups and training opportunities as well as for seven weeks of camping for young people.

As this article is being written, bulldozers and earth-movers are digging out a **lake area** of about an acre and a half. The Pilgrim Fellowship groups in our fellowship have made this possible by raising more than $3,200 for their project.

The fine **kitchen equipment** provided by the Women's Fellowship groups, and their previous work for new **beds and bedding**, have made life at Moonelon more comfortable and enjoyable. These projects involved more than $5,000 in their support, for which campers and users of the Center are grateful. The interest of our women continues in their current support of a recreation and picnic building to be built.

In four of the cabins, and in the four shower rooms, **gas heaters** are now installed to make it possible for spring and fall retreats with comfort. This was a recent Pilgrim Fellowship project. As many as thirty-six people can make use of these cold-weather rooms. During the months from mid-October through March, because of the freeze-up of water lines, the Center is closed.

Moonelon has, through the years, been a mission enterprise not only for the young people and the women, but also for the **men** of our fellowship. For it was through their interest and labors that **buildings** were started and completed in the first place. Thousands of boys and girls, men and women, have found Moonelon to be an important witness and growth opportunity. Your continuing support for the leadership, program, and facilities, is needed and appreciated.

1966 Moonelon Camps

Pilgrim Fellowship Youth Forum	**June 18-19**
Pilgrim Fellowship Planning & Training Conference	**June 19-25**
Junior Age I Camp	**June 26-July 2**
Junior High I Conference	**July 3-9**
Middle High Conference	**July 10-16**
Junior Age II Camp	**July 17-23**
Junior High II Conference	**July 24-30**
Junior Age III Camp	**July 31-August 6**

Junior Age camps are for boys and girls who will enter grades 5 or 6 in the fall of 1966; **Junior Age I** is for those, in addition, who will be entering grade 4.

Junior High conferences are for those entering grades 7 or 8. **Middle High** conference is for those entering grades 9 or 10. The **PF Planning and Training Conference** is for both adult and youth leaders of local youth groups (the young people must have completed at least grade nine). **The Youth Forum** is the business session for the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Southern Convention in the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. Two youth delegates and one adult are eligible to vote from each local PF group.

Since 1856

Southern Convention Staff Leaders And Officers

Since its organization in 1856 the Convention has had 16 **Presidents** — 14 Ministers and 2 Laymen: Dr. William B. Wellons, Dr. E. F. Watson (layman), Rev. J. T. Whitley, Dr. William S. Long, Dr. W. W. Staley, Dr. P. H. Fleming, Dr. L. E. Smith, Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Dr. W. E. Wisseman, Dr. John G. Truitt, Dr. W. Millard Stevens, Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Mr. Martin T. Garren (layman), Dr. George D. Alley, Rev. Joe A. French;

Thirteen **Secretaries** as follows: Dr. E. F. Watson, Mr. A. S. Hill, Rev. C. A. Apple, Prof. P. J. Kernodle, Dr. J. P. Barrett, Dr. I. W. Johnson, Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Sr., Rev. R. A. Whitten, Rev. J. Everette Neese, Dr. W. Millard Stevens, Dr. Henry E. Robinson, Rev. Max B. Vestal, Miss Dorothy Ballinger;

Eight **Treasurers:** T. J. Kilby, Alfred Moring, J. A. Mills. Dr. W. C. Wicker, Prof. L. L. Vaughan, Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, George D. Colclough, and Walter L. Cooper.

Serving the Convention as **Superintendents** have been Dr. F. C. Lester (Promotional Secretary 1938-44), 1944-46; Dr. William T. Scott, Sr., 1946-60; Dr. Clyde L. Fields, 1960 to the present time. Dr. J. O. Atkinson served as Missions Secretary from 1916 until his death in 1940; **Secretary of Stewardship and Evangelism,** Dr. Fred P. Register, 1952-53; **Associate Superintendent,** Rev. Melvin Dollar, 1958-60. **Virginia Field Secretary,** Rev. Lewis Bill Simmons, 1963 to the present time.

The following have served as **Field Secretary for Religious Education,** and/or **Minister of Christian Education:** Miss Lucy M. Eldridge, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Miss Jewel Truitt (Mrs. A. R. Van Cleave), Miss Betty Chicoine (Mrs. John Eldridge), Rev. John S. Graves, Rev. Robert A. Knowles, Rev. Richard N. Rinker;

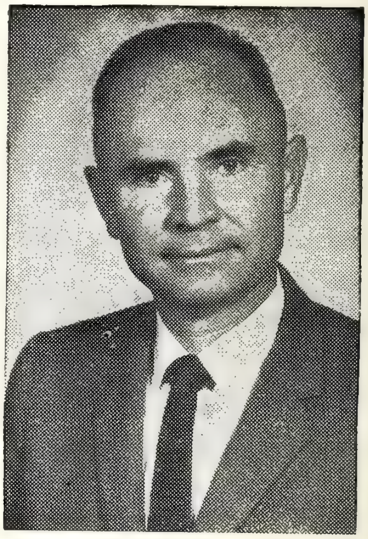
Presidents of Elon College: Rev. William S. Long, D.D., Rev. W. W. Staley, D.D., Dr. Emmett L. Moffitt (layman), Dr. William Allen Harper (layman), Rev. Leon Edgar Smith, D.D., Dr. J. Earl Danieley (layman);

Superintendents of the Christian Orphanage (Elon Home for Children): Rev. James L. Foster, Rev. Emory M. Carter, Rev. J. O Cox, Mr. Charles D. Johnston (layman), Rev. John G. Truitt, D.D., Rev. W. W. Snyder, D.D.

The Three Superintendents

The Rev. Fletcher C. Lester, D.D.
1944 - 1946

The Rev. William T. Scott, D.D.
1946 - 1960



The Rev. Clyde L. Fields, D.D.
1960 - 1965

> When we see ourselves united together in love as one grand whole, we get a better idea of the followers of Christ being one. May we always remember that as the nerves permeate every part of the body, so the threads of Christian influence run all through the body of Christ, and the church.
>
> —Rev. W. G. Clements
> **The Christian Sun**
> March 17, 1892

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There are a limited number of copies of this final issue of **The Christian Sun** available. One per person requesting a copy by mail will be sent for the cost of postage — 5¢. Send requests to The Christian Sun, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

An Appreciation Of The Christian Sun

By F. C. Lester, One of Its Editors

It is a pleasure for me to express appreciation for THE CHRISTIAN SUN in this the last issue of the paper as it has been known for almost a century and a quarter. As one of the fifteen editors since the brain-child of Rev. Daniel W. Kerr appeared at Hillsborough, North Carolina, in February, 1844. and as a reader of the paper for more than half a century, I have no hesitancy in saying that **The Christian Sun** has been a good servant of the Church and the Christ.

When my widowed mother and I decided that we could not afford to subscribe any longer, a personal letter came from the famous and long-time editor, Dr. J. O. Atkinson, expressing the hope that we would find a way to continue the weekly visits of our Church paper. We did. And **The Christian Sun** brought information about our Christian religion and the Church which we loved. That helped me to become a minister — and to my surprise, one of the editors.

The late Rev. Thomas White, while visiting one of his parishioners long years ago, said to him: "I see you want your boys to be Republicans." The instant reply was: "That I do; but how did you know?" The astute minister said: "You are subscribing to a Republican paper which they can read. If you want them to be good members of your church, then subscribe to **The Christian Sun.**" Mr. Brady subscribed then and there, and one of the boys became Rev. E. Carl Brady.

These stories illustrate what must have happened many, many times, for surely the paper has contributed immeasurably to the life of individuals who make up the membership of our churches. The files of an editor are filled with letters of appreciation from all types of church people who say that they found help by reading this little paper.

When the first issue of **The Christian Sun** came from the press there was no Southern Convention of Christian Churches, no college owned and operated by our churches of the area, no Home in which all could share in taking care of children, no Mission Board to sponsor home or foreign missions, no camps and conferences for young people. Christian education had not flourished in the churches. There was little knowledge of what was going on outside of the local community. Education of any kind was scarce in the Southland. Slavery had a strangle-hold on white and black people alike. Progress was slow, if at all.

Of course this paper was not the only source of light that illumined the area. Ours is not the only sun in the heavens, but it surely does help our planet. So, this paper has brought illumination, information, inspiration, health, help to multitudes over a long period of time.

It would be indelicate for one of the three living editors to claim too much for **The Christian Sun,** but it must be remembered that fifteen men have given time and talents to writing and publishing, not for glory for themselves, but to help people and otherwise. Thirteen of the editors have been ministers. E. L. Moffitt and John T. Kernodle, two fine laymen, joined the list of editors. Together they served for less than 10 years. No one can ever measure the time, money and devotion given by John T. Kernodle to **The Christian Sun.** To him more than to any living individual belongs the honor of maintaining the continuous publication of the paper he believed had intrinsic values scarcely known to most of our people.

The editors wrote for the people of their time. They had ideas which needed to be expressed, and the editors gave wings to ideas, and enthusiasm to words. W. B. Wellons and J. Pressley Barrett were great contenders for the faith. J. O. Atkinson made Missions live in the hearts of a generation. Sometime someone with an eye to history may wish to study the files of **The Christian Sun** now stored in the Church History Room of the Elon College Library and tell the world what these editors really said to their time, what things seemed to be important then, and how a little Church Paper helped to mold the life of its times and the Church of which it was an agent.

First issues were small. Pages were much less than these. But those pages were filled with ideas concerning the Christian religion. Later the pages grew to immense size, but in recent years the format became more like modern magazines. Advertisings have had their place in the paper, and are interesting to read. Hobbies of the editor inevitably were displayed in a multitude of words. Pictures of people and places have helped to preserve the likeness of leaders and churches. The greatest source of information concerning Christian churches, Congregational Christian churches, and now the United Church of Christ in the Southeast is just this paper, **The Christian Sun.** Without it there would be no ready source of what has been thought and done by our people.

Sometimes the paper has been mainly a gathering of ideas and ideals relative to Christian beliefs and practices. At other times it has come close to being a record of "who went where" for officials and churches. But through all the medley of ideas the paper has called our people to witness to faith in Christ, to work for the coming of his Kingdom among men, and to share with all people the joy of Christian fellowship. Love has been at the heart of the message always, as it is at the heart of the Gospel.

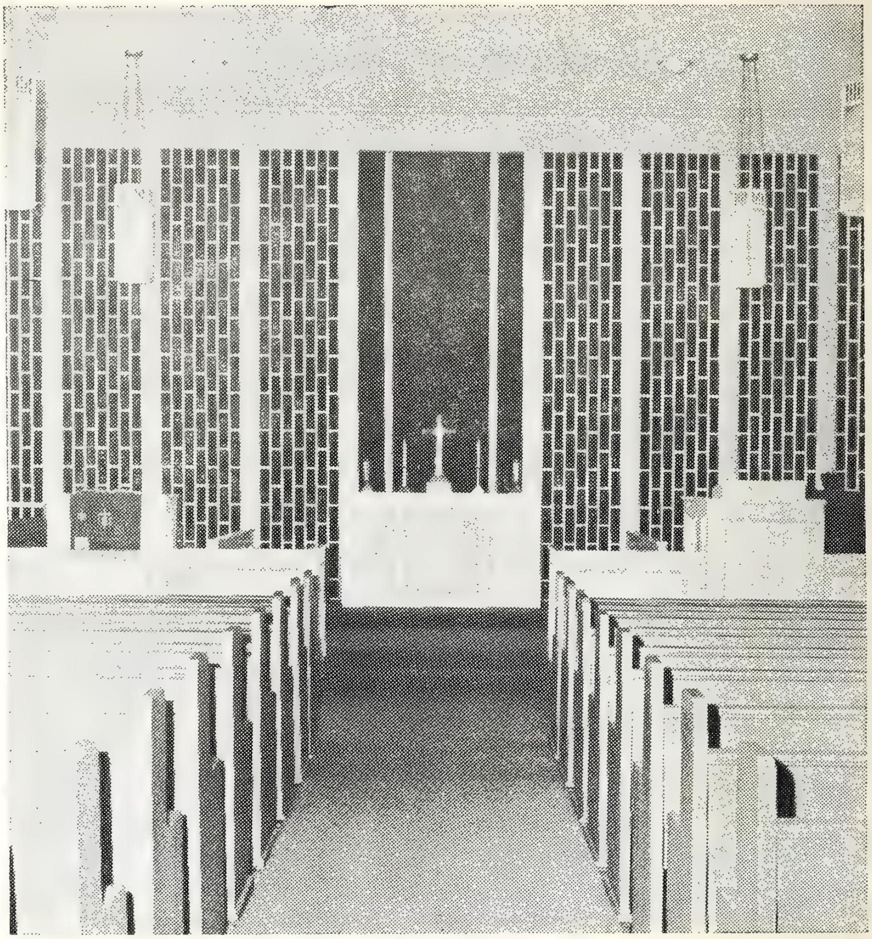
The demise of this paper as a "voice crying in the wilderness" will bring sadness to many who have read and loved it long, long years. If it were just closing shop and going out of business there would surely be those who would rush in to say, "This shall not be." In truth the paper may be entering into a new phase of life, the life for which it has pleaded — a united Church. **The Christian Standard** can, and will we hope, maintain the ideals and vigor which are characteristic of the heritage The Christian Church of the South is now offering to a larger fellowship. The future is unknown. That disturbs some of us greatly. So does death. We cannot see into the beyond. But we can confidently trust the Leader with whom we have come thus far, and who gave a glorious revelation of Divine Love both at Christmas and Easter.

And a Very Happy Christmas to all of you who remember the writings of this editor, who delighted in writing because he believed in you and the Christ we all adore and seek to follow.

Albemarle First Church Completes Building Program

The First Congregational Christian Church, Albemarle, Rev. J. Everette Neese, Minister, has completed its building program and the newly renovated sanctuary was occupied for the first time on Sunday, December 19th. The educational building was completed in June at a cost of $80,000.00 and the renovation of the existing sanctuary and basement has cost an additional $20,000.00. Austin & Faulk, Architects, of Southern Pines designed the new building and renovation program.

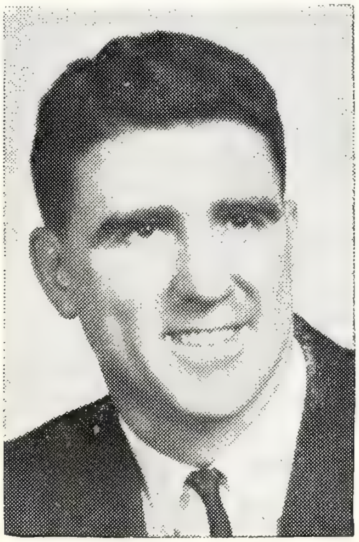
The Educational Building, designed in the form of a T, fronts on Carolina Avenue and connects with the existing sanctuary. The new building contains a social hall with a seating capacity of 175, a modern kitchen, ten class rooms, Minister's study and a Church office where there is a public address system which connects with all classes in both buildings. The renovated church basement contains a choir room, four class rooms and a large storage room. The renovated sanctuary will seat 250 and features a divided chancel. The background of the worship center is a green velvet dossal curtain which hangs from the ceiling and is framed with two vertical gold brocade bands of Christian symbols. The back of the chancel is a rectangular pattern screen and this pattern is carried out in the chancel railing and in the newly designed light fixtures. The pews have been refinished to blend with the interior color design. New carpeting has been installed in the sanctuary. Approximately $20,000.00 for new fixtures and equipment has been spent in addition to the contract price. This has included many items contributed in Honor and in Memory of loved ones.



Over a year went into the planning of this building program which was headed by Martin Deese, Chairman. The other members of the building committee are: Marshall Troutman, Brice Phifer, Carl Doby, Austin Lee, Mrs. Aubrey Chandler, Mrs. Fred Plyler, Alfred Plyler and Kenneth Russell.

A Service of Consecration and Open House has been planned for Sunday, January 16th.

Carl F. Dunker Called To St. Peter's



The Reverend Carl F. Dunker, currently the pastor of the Wake Chapel Christian Church (UCC) in Fuquay-Varina, has accepted a call to serve as pastor and teacher for St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Greensboro, beginning in mid-January.

Mr. Dunker came from a pastorate in Illinois to serve the Wake Chapel Church in April of 1962. Both he and his wife are natives of Illinois. They have three children: David, Diane, and Steven. Following his graduation from Greenville College (A.B.), he obtained his B.D. from Christian Theological Seminary, Butler University, in Indianapolis; he went on to obtain an M.A. from Butler University.

Basic Support Goal Acceptances

Churches which shared in the BREAKTHROUGH emphasis early in the Fall received triplicate forms titled **BASIC SUPPORT GOAL ACCEPTANCE** with a request from the visiting team to complete them when the decision on the 1966 Goal had been made. These forms should be sent to The Southern Convention, Box 336, Elon College, N. C. 27244. Retain the first copy for your church records and send the yellow and pink ones.

The Southern Convention Office Staff

The Southern Convention Office Staff. Reading from left to right: Miss Ruth Dunn, Miss Edna Fitch, Rev. Richard N. Rinker, and Mrs. William J. Andes. This picture is through the courtesy of the Burlington Times-News.

Many of the people in local churches of the Southern Convention came to know the office staff through correspondence and phone calls. Few ever had the opportunity to become better acquainted with them; for this reason, and in recognition of their combined thirty-eight years of service to our churches, we introduce Mrs. William J. Andes, Miss Ruth Dunn, and Miss Edna Fitch. These three ladies will continue serving, more churches, in the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Mrs. William J. Andes

Mrs. Andes (Carey) is the wife of the Rev. W. J. Andes, pastor of the Elon College Community Church. Their son, David, now attends Andover-Newton Theological Seminary in Massachusetts.

In October of 1955, Mrs. Andes began serving the Southern Convention by helping the Superintendent at the time, Dr. W. T. Scott, work on historical records. Subsequently she became office secretary with particular responsibility as the Superintendent's secretary.

A native of High Point, Mrs. Andes is a graduate of Greensboro College. The Andes' now live in Elon College.

> Let us love our local church and work for it with a zeal that becomes an interested and worthy member. And on the other hand, let us love the general enterprises of the church at large and labor for their strengthening as becomes a Christian who loves his fellowman and his God as Christ has loved him.
>
> —E. L. Moffitt, LL.D.
> **The Christian Sun**

Miss Ruth H. Dunn

Beginning in November of 1950 and continuing until June of 1953, Miss Dunn served as Literature Consultant for the Southern Convention. She returned to the Convention in the same capacity in June of 1955 and has served since.

Included in her responsibilities are the audio-visual library, the circulation of **The Christian Sun,** camp/conference bookkeeping and registrations, and general secretarial work.

A native of Lynchburg, Virginia, she attended Lynchburg College, is a graduate of Elon College, and the Hartford School of Religious Education. Miss Dunn lives at Elon College.

Miss Edna Fitch

Miss Fitch began work with the Southern Convention in February, 1951, as Assistant Treasurer and Bookkeeper. Her responsibilities include the maintaining of records for Apportionment Giving by local churches and the remittances to instrumentalities of the funds received.

With her residence in Burlington, Miss Fitch is a member of the First Christian Church (UCC). She is a graduate of Elon College and taught second grade in the Caswell County School System for two years before joining the office staff of the Southern Convention.

WINTER

Lakes froze,
Warm clothes
Cold toes
Red nose.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

December 15, 1965

Dear Friends:

It is with mixed emotions that we write this letter for the last issue of The Christian Sun. Looking back over the years, we cannot help but regret to a certain extent that the era of The Christian Sun is coming to an end. However, we fully realize that we cannot live in yesterday. We must live today and look forward to tomorrow. So it is with expectations that we look forward to the coming of our new publication. In a real sense, The Christian Sun will not be ending but will be continuing into something we hope to be of much greater service to the total membership of our Southern Conference.

Our reporting system will have to be changed because of the new publication. Our reports will be made by our own publication entitled "Our Children." At present this appears quarterly.

This Thanksgiving/Christmas Season has certainly been one of the finest we have ever had from a standpoint of financial support. We have been greatly elated over the fine response of many of our churches, individuals, business and industry. We are sorry that some of our churches, because of the merger, are not willing to give to support of our Home. We cannot help but feel that this is something that is unfair to boys and girls who cannot take care of themselves. Some of the churches that we have heard from over the years have completely stopped supporting us. Others are giving only part of what they have given heretofore. We are certainly happy, however, that other churches and individuals have taken up the slack and when our year is ended, we will have received as much, if not more, than in previous years.

Therefore, we realize here at the Home for Children we have much for which to be thankful. We believe the work we are doing is valid and necessary in the total program of the church. The area of Health and Welfare, both in child care and aging, are going to continue to be problems to our society. In our phase of the work, the need for the right kind of care for children is going to continue to be a great need. Therefore, we cannot help but be anxious that we get adequate support for those who cannot do for themselves. Please remember that the reports from now on from our Home for Children will appear in the issues of our own publication entitled "Our Children."

Walstein W. Snyder
Superintendent

CORRECTION

Through error, Mrs. J. Roley Gayle was listed in our memorials the week of December 6. The memorial should have been for the husband of Mrs. W. C. Bryant and her sister, Mrs. Armistead Whitley, instead of the sister of Mr. Bryant, Mrs. Gayle.

REPORT FOR DECEMBER 6, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Eastern Virginia Conference $	86.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	310.00
Western North Carolina Conference	17.00
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	231.83
Total $	644.83
Special Offerings	
Joy Circle, Christian Temple, Norfolk, Va.	5.00
Memorial Gifts.	
In Memory of Mrs. J. F. Reynolds, Sr.	
In Memory of Mr. James W. Artman	
In Memory of Mr. E. L. Slack	
In Memory of Little Douglas Rankin Smallwood	
In Memory of Mrs. Edith McPherson Spencer	
In Memory of Mr. Griffin McClure	
In Memory of Mrs. Ira Boyd	
In Memory of Mr. H. A. Lane	
Total Memorial Gifts	66.76
Special Offerings	1,954.00
Honorariums:	
In Honor of Angela Van Riley, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daffie Riley	4.00
Christmas Gifts:	
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Burns, Asheboro, N. C.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Neil H. Anderson, College Station, Texas	5.00
The Women's Guild of Park Place Congregational Church, Pawtucket, R. I.	50.00
Total Christmas Gifts	80.00
Thanksgiving Gifts:	
Edgewood U.C.C., Burlington, N. C.	25.35
Mebane U.C.C., Mebane, N. C.	36.00
Pleasant Hill Church, Liberty, N. C.	112.85
Hines U.C.C., McLeansville, N. C.	72.55
Antioch Christian Church, Windsor, Va.	23.50
Rocky Fort Christian Church, Cana, Va.	10.00
Edgewood Cong. Ch., New Haven, Conn.	50.00
Mt. Olivet Christian Ch., Standardsville, Va.	12.02
Grace's Chapel Church, Sanford, N. C.	61.32
Women's Guild, Federated Ch. Warren, Mass.	10.00
Morrisville Christian Ch., Morrisville, N. C.	47.50
Mrs. Ella Rae C. Trollinger, Bulington, N. C.	10.00
Women's Cong. Ch. Guild, Pomona Park, Pla.	10.00
Mrs. William Slade, Chelmsford, Mass.	25.00
So. Webbing Mills—Purvis, Kernodle & Talton	75.00
Amelia U.C.C., Clayton, N. C.	14.00
Group for United Progress, Niantic Community Church, Niantic, Conn.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Neese, Graham, N. C.	25.00
Concord U.C.C., Burlington, N. C.	126.35
Wentworth Christian Church, Raleigh, N. C.	89.75
Smithfield Ave. Cong. Ch., Pawtucket, R. I.	50.00
Dr. C. W. McPherson, Burlington, N. C.	5.00
Bayview U.C.C., Norfolk, Va.	50.00
First U.C.C., Randleman, N. C.	63.00
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hurdle, Burlington, N. C.	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Fields, Sr.	5.00
Mrs. Mamie K. Perkinson, South Hill, Va.	10.00
Shallowford Church, Elon College, N. C.	100.00
First United Ch. of Christ, Va. Beach, Va.	24.15
Antioch Christian Ch., Cammack, N. C.	26.35
Total Thanksgiving Gifts	1,173.69
Total	3,283.45
Total for the Week	$3,928.28

REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 29, 1965

Southern Convention of Churches and Sunday Schools

Special Offerings	
The Jr. Baraca Class, Holy Neck Church Holland, Virginia	25.00
Lebanon Congregational Church, Lebanon, Connecticut	15.00
Memorial Gifts:	
In Memory of Mrs. James A. Holt, Sr. (9 Memorials)	
In Memory of Mr. S. J. Hinsdale	
In Memory of Mr. E. L. Slack	
In Memory of Mr. George G. Roberts	
In Memory of Mrs. Louise Thompson	
In Memory of Mrs. F. W. Cobb	
In Memory of Mr. Ryland Louis Hasty	
Total Memorial Gifts	133.00
Special Offerings	1,499.70
Christmas Gifts:	
Mrs. Marion S. O'Brien, Bridgeport, Conn.	5.00
Mr. W. H. Walker, Sr.	10.00
Thanksgiving Gifts:	
Spoon's Chapel, Asheboro, N. C.	29.42
Shallow Well Church, Sanford, N. C.	60.55
Lakeview Community Church, Burlington	43.56
Mr. A. J. Wicker & J. T. Marks, Sanford	50.00
Miss Ruth Miller, Burlington, N. C.	5.00
Church of the Holy Comforter, Burlington	230.27
Memorial to Em. Jones Phillips By Horace W. Phillips, Hardeeville, .SC.	125.00
Mr. J. W. Drake, Pittsboro, N. C.	50.00
Dr. Mary Frances Thelen, Lynchburg, Va.	35.00
Belews Creek Christian Church, Belews Creek, N C.	26.00
Mt. Pleasant Church, Vass, N. C.	36.25
Martha's Chapel Christian Church, Apex, N.C.	13.00
Oak Grove Christian Church, Sunbury, N.C.	15.29
Mr. & Mrs. David A. Darden, Suffolk, Va.	10.00
Mrs. Felix O. Bell, Sr., Burlington, N. C.	10.00
Gibsonville Congregational Church, Gibsonville, North Carolina	25.00
Providence United Church, Graham, N. C.	21.87
Palm Street United Church, Greensboro, N. C.	166.85
Damascus Congregational Church, Sunbury, North Carolina	28.85
Long's Chapel United Church, Burlington, North Carolina	121.00
Turner's Chapel Church, Sanford, N. C.	48.25
Carolina Christian Church, Burlington, N. C.	11.55
Laymen's Fellowship, Western N. C. Conference	50.00
Pleasant Union Christian Church, Asheboro, N. C.	38.85
Berea Sunday School, Elon College, N. C.	20.00
H. F. Mitchel Construction Co., Burlington	10.00
Mr. J. R. Pritchett, Burlington, N. C.	5.00
Mr. R. Everett Jordan, Saxaphaw, N. C. (Rotary)	50.00
Kallam Grove Church, Madison, N. C.	81.00
Mt. Bethel Church, Stokesdale, N. C.	50.00
Mr. R. E. Brown, Randleman, N. C.	15.00
Pleasant Grove Sunday School, Bennett, N. C.	35.60
New Hope Sunday School, Harrisonburg, Va.	25.00
Good Hope Christian Church	40.75
Mt. Auburn Christian Church, Henderson	260.00
Mr. David T. Fuller, Henderson, N. C.	15.00
Christian Chapel Church, Fuquay Springs	13.00
Ella Strickland Circle, New Hope Christian Church, Louisburg, N. C.	10.00
Bethlehem Congregational Church, Altamahaw, North Carolina	110.00
Mr. W. T. Davis, Burlington, N. C. (Rotary)	15.00
Dr. J. Ernest Roberts, Burlington, N. C. (Rotary)	20.00
Mr. Brank Proffitt (Rotary)	20.00
Lee's Chapel United Church of Christ, Moncure, N. C.	18.25
Mr. J. T. McLoud, Elon College, N. C.	25.00
The Congregational Christian, Tryon, N. C.	70.78
Piney Plain Christian Church, Raleigh, N. C.	109.27
Mr. and Mrs. Walton E. Brill, Yellow Spring, West Virginia	5.00
Dr. and Mrs. John G. Truitt, Elon College (Rotary)	10.00
Dr. and Mrs. John G. Truitt, Elon College	25.00
Memorial to Mr. Stein H. Basnight By Mrs. Stein H. Basnight (United Church of Christ, Chapel Hill, N. C.	25.00
Mr. Augusta Rhinehart, Linville, Va.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell, Suffolk, Va.	25.00
First Congregational Christian Church, Albemarle, N. C.	30.75
Monticello United Church of Christ, Browns Summit, N. C.	31.35
Dr. George L. Carrington, Burlington, N. C. (Rotary)	35.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Smith, Ashtabula, Ohio	25.00
Mr. J. Frank Apple, Henderson, N. C.	25.00
Mr. R. L. Hendrickson, Lincoln, Kansas	25.00
Congregational Christian Church, Hope Mills, N. C.	20.00
Total Thanksgiving Gifts	$4,251.01
Total	$4,251.01
Total for the Week	$4,251.01

THE ADVENT OF A DANGEROUS MAN

By William T. Joyner

In the environs of Judea,
there were varied reactions
to His coming:
Some, like Mary,
broke forth in song;
Some, like Herod,
shook with fear;
And others
simply yawned.
Some called it
a "virgin birth,"
But none who discerned
the meaning of His arrival
called it routine.
They sensed, with precision,
that an awesome
and dangerous Presence
was suddenly in their midst.

The Scriptures are telling us
through this strange
and majestic drama
of angels
and shepherds
and wise men
That the power and the glory
and, yes, the dangerous boldness
of the Christ
is made manifest
even at His birth.
Hence, those who see
only a harmless babe
in a manger
at Christmastime
are hopelessly deceived.
For here, in tentative form,
Is a Man of final power and authority
before whom
the entire world quivers
with anticipation and dread.

He is coming,
O my soul!
He is coming!
But do not expect
His companionship
to be manageable
or tame,
For He is a magnificent
and a dangerous Man.
Welcome Him
and stand rejoicing
in the strength of His Presence,
But welcome Him also
with trembling heart
knowing that finally
His coming involves
an awesome challenge
in the shape of a cross.

TRANSCENDENCE

(On hearing the Lord's Prayer sung in Children's Chapel, Graham.)

By Mrs. W. W. Sloan

"Our Father, who art in heaven" —

Above the bowed heads of the congregation were breathed on wings of song the dear, familiar words.

"Hallowed be thy name!"

Borne upward by an increasing volume of voices they soared in a crescendo of sound.

"On earth as it is in heaven."

Gathering momentum from those around, behind, before, the prayer lifted us above and beyond human differences, frailties, sins, to a oneness in God.

"The kingdom, the power, and the glory," — all thine.

Thou undivided Christ, forgive, forgive! Melt and weld our wayward hearts, "our differences of old." Heal the jagged divisions of thy broken body on Earth, of thy broken body, the Church!

"Glory, glory! Thine the glory" — forever and evermore.

Amen.

Shoes Of Iron And Brass

By JOHN G. TRUITT

Shoes of iron and brass shall be,
When roads are rough given thee;
And strength according to thy days,
Sufficient strength for all thy ways.

Let's take the roads whate'er they are,
And follow them through near or far;
For shoes of iron and brass must be
Worn with faith courageously!

WIR SEHEN ZU VIEHLES

(Hymn sung by German young people at their 1965 Kirchentag)

We see too much, we therefore see nothing.
We hear too much, and therefore hear little.
We talk too much, and therefore say nothing.
We do too much and create nothing.
We run too much and get nowhere.

Lord, give me your eyes, to see men as they are.
Lord, give me your ears, to hear the cry of the needy.
Lord, give me your lips, to say what is unsaid.
Lord, give me your hands, to serve others.
Lord, give me your feet, to go to my neighbor.

THE TASK FACING THE CHURCH

The churches have carried out a vitally important task and are still doing so. They are the tabernacle preserving the treasure of the past, but it is not enough merely to preserve the treasure: it must also be shared with the men of our time. And the great tragedy of the churches is that they have been unable to bear witness to the truth within them in such a way that this truth can appear as an answer to the questions being asked by men today.

—Paul Tillich

Principles Of Union

"That they all may be one."

There are first or fundamental principles recognized in all associations, whether civil, political, ecclesiastical, or domestic. They are found in the laws of nature or revelation, or arise from human policy, interest or expediency.

The gospel establishes a new and distinct relation, and creates an association of heavenly origin. The principles upon which this union is based are a matter of revelation, and not of human policy.

It is not for Christians to say how, and for what purpose they will unite, for these things are fixed by a higher power. Christians must unite on the principles of Christianity, or they cease to be Christians. For union is the *sine qua non* of the religion of Christ. Hence if union, or love, is wanting, religion is wanting or is but an empty name.

–Rev. Ira Allen
July 1, 1840
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